SUPPLEMENT TO

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE

BOMBAY:—MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1877.

PROPOSED ART EXHIBITIONS IN BOMBAY.

A PUBLIC meeting, convened by the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Grant, was held in the Municipal Buildings on Saturday afternoon, with a view to organising a series of art exhibitions to be held in Bombay. There were present—the Hon. L. R. Ashburner, the Hon. Dosabhoy Framjee, C.S.I., Sir Michael DeQuadros, Mr. Hamilton Maxwell, Colonel Fuller, Captain Morland, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Hathornthwaite, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Rienzi Walton, Mr. Jamsetjee Dunjeebhoy Wadia, Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Mr. Eduljee Rustomjee Reporter, Mr. A. F. Moos, and several others.

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, seconded by Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Mr. Grant was voted to the chair.

The Chairman said he hoped the movement they were about to inaugurate would become popular; that there would be a long series of art exhibitions; and that finally an Art Gallery would be established in Bombay. He did not see why there should not be an annual art exhibition here as well as in Poona, Simla, and other places. What he proposed the meeting should do was to appoint a committee, in whose hands all the arrangements might be left.

Mr. Hamilton Maxwell said he had been requested to propose a committee. He trusted this meeting would mark the commencement of a new era in Bombay. There had been on more than one occasion an erratic exhibition of fine arts here, but they had never been followed up. It was a great pity that there was not one annually. We had now a Governor who was an artist of no mean talent, and he thought it was a very favourable opportunity of establishing an annual exhibition, and a gallery of paintings as well. (Hear, hear.) It was a great deprivation to himself, as it must be to many others, that there was no place in Bombay where they could go to see a decent picture. An Art Gallery would elevate taste in Bombay not only amongst Europeans, but amongst natives also. The Governor was very energetic in carrying through whatever he took in hand, and he (Mr. Maxwell) had no doubt that His Excellency would warmly approve of, and heartily assist in, this movement. They might not be able to get pictures by the old masters, or by the foremost artists of the present day, but they could establish a Gallery of good pictures, that would be a great treat to many people in Bombay. He proposed that the following gentlemen be appointed, with power to add to their number:—

Patron—H. E. the Governor.

Vice Patrons—H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, the Hon. the Chief Justice, the Hon. J. Gibbs, the Hon. L. R. Ashburner, the Hon. E. W. Ravenscroft, C.S.I.

Committee—The Hon. James Gibbs, President, Brigadier-Genl. Aitchison, Col. Hancock, R.E., Sir Frank Souter, C.S.I., Col. T. Huddlington, J. H. Grant, Esq., C.S., Mr. Justice Bayley, Sir Charles Sargent, Mr. Justice Melvill, Mr. Justice Green, Mr. Justice Pinhey, Mr. Justice Kemball, Dr. Hunter, F. F. Arbuthnot, Esq., J. M. Maclean, Esq., W. Webb, Esq., Dr. Maule, Dr. Cooke, Captain Morland, Sir T. Thompson, Bart., Hamilton Maxwell, Esq., Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, Sir Munguldass Nathoobhoy, Grattan Geary, Esq., Col. Fuller, R.E., Dr. Blaney, Sir Cowasjee Jehangeer Readymoney, Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Esq. C.S.I., the Hon. Sorabjee Shapurjee Bengallee, G. W. Terry, Esq., Dr. Sidney Smith, J. Griffiths, Esq., Col. Melliss, the Hon. Dosabhoy Framjee, C.S.I., Col. Hogge, Major Boyd, the Hon. Mahomed Ali Rogay, John Adams, Esq., the Hon. Rao Saheb Wishwanath Narayen Mandlick, Captain Crocket, Maneckjee Cursetjee, Esq., John Campbell, Esq., Kessowjee Naik, Esq., Rienzi Walton, Esq., Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, Esq., Dinshaw Manockjee Petit, Esq., Moorarjee Goculdass, Esq., Rughoonath Narayen Kote, Esq., Shantaram Narayen, Esq., Jamsetjee Dhunjeebhoy Wadia, Esq., F. Mathew, Esq., Vurjeevundas Mahadowdass, Esq., Muncherjee Banajee, Esq., Venayeckrao R. Luxmonjee, Esq., Tapidass Vurjdass, Esq., Bomanjee Muncherjee Punthaki, Esq., Ardesir Framjee Moos, Esq., C. B. Braham, Esq., and Capt. Brebner, with power to add to their number.

The Hon. Dosabhoy Framjee seconded the motion, and said he thought the movement would be very popular and that the present time was the most favourable as we were lucky enough to have a Governor who was not only a good artist, as remarked by Mr. Maxwell, but had proved himself a distinguished patron of art. The annual exhibition of the Royal Academy and the permanent exhibition of the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square as well as the works of art at the Louvre in Paris and at Versailles daily attracted large crowds of visitors. Every city of note in England had a picture gallery of its own, and those native gentlemen who had visited England and attended the art exhibitions there must have perceived that something of the kind was very much wanted in India. When native gentlemen who had not been abroad were told that a celebrated picture cost a lac of rupees they were lost in astonishment, but it only required that they should see the picture for themselves to know its value. When he was in England he saw a small picture gallery at Preston near Manchester which was the property of the celebrated Cotton Manufacturer, Mr. Horrocks, and worth about £20,000; and he trusted that the day would come when native gentlemen of wealth would be able to boast of possessing similar galleries of their own. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Capt. Morland proposed the following resolution:—"That the Committee of Management shall possess powers as follows—To appoint Jurors, to arrange all details regarding prices and bonus of admission to the exhibition and place of exhibition. To decide source of funds, whether in the first instance the requisite funds should be guaranteed or be raised by subscription, and all other details."

The Hon Mr. Ashburner seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

The Chairman announced that the first meeting of the Committee would be held on Friday next at 4 p. m.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Captain Morland and seconded by Sir Michael DeQuadros.

BOMBAY.

MR. H. MAXWELL has been elected Commodore of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, in succession to Captain G. T. Robinson, late I. N., now Superintendent of Marine at Calcutta.

SOME smart showers of rain fell in Bombay on Friday, a very rare occurrence at this season of the year; and we hear that there has been a very heavy fall of rain at Matheran and Khundalla.

WE are glad to learn that the St. Vincent's school at Poona is not only in no decline, but that it is in a very satisfactory and flourishing state.

POOR BOX.—The Acting Chief Presidency Magistrate acknowledges with thanks the receipt of Rs. 5 from J. S., contributed towards the funds of the Fort Police Court poor-box.

A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.—Mr. McCabe, who was examined at the Coroner's inquest in the case of Mr. Storrar, on Friday, informs us that his proper designation is not "apothecary," but "medical practitioner."

A VAGRANT IN TROUBLE.—John Bray, a European vagrant, was on Saturday charged before Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee with the offence of quitting the Government Workhouse without leave, by escaping over the wall of the Workhouse yard. He was adjudged guilty, and sentenced to two months' hard labour in the House of Correction.

RAPE.—On Saturday, a Hindoo, named Gooloo Gopall, was committed by Mr. Nana Morojee to take his trial at the next Criminal Sessions of the High Court, charged with committing rape on the person of a married Hindoo woman.

SUICIDE.—A Coroner's inquest was held on Friday, at the European General Hospital, on view of the body of Thomas Marencovich, a seaman of the steamship Nellie Martin. On the 15th ult. deceased stabbed himself with a knife in the chest on board that ship, and was then removed to the above hospital, where he expired on Friday morning last, from the effects of the wound. The verdict was to the effect, that deceased committed suicide whilst in an unsound state of mind.

INQUEST.—A Coroner's inquest was held on Friday, on view of the body of Lawrence Gonsalves. Deceased was the man who was said to have been stabbed by Philip Francis Gomes at Worlee on the 30th October last, and who made a declaration to that effect in hospital to Mr. P. Ryan, then Acting Third Presidency Magistrate. The wound caused by the stab having healed, the deceased left the hospital on the 18th ult. and returned to his own residence, where he died on Thursday last. The Coroner's Surgeon was of opinion that the death of the deceased was caused by phthisis, and he was further of opinion that the wound he is stated to have received in no way caused or hastened death. The verdict was, "that the death of the deceased was caused by phthisis."

MR. FLUKES, the Station Master of Bulsar, has been dismissed the service of the Railway Company on a charge of having misappropriated the Company's money. Poor Flukes is a Eurasian, with a large family, and, what is worse, a large number of creditors.—*Indian Spectator.*

WITH reference to a paragraph which appeared in our local column of the 6th instant, Mr. Noor Khan, of the Railway Police, Bhosawul, writes to us to say that "there is no truth in the statement of the correspondent who said that he was robbed in a train of his gold watch and chain, valued at about Rs. 300; nor is there any disreputable class of people hanging about the station who require keen police watchfulness." There was no complaint made to Mr. Noor Khan of the robbery of the watch, and he therefore wishes that our correspondent may communicate with him on the subject.

AN UNPLEASANT SEAT.—A correspondent writes to us, "However necessary it may be for the authorities to promote cleanliness, I think you will admit that it should not be done at the sacrifice of the garments of those lieges who frequent the neighbourhood of that popular place of resort—the band-stand. After taking a constitutional stroll in that direction the other evening, as is my wont, I innocently stretched my weary timbers on one of the seats so conveniently placed in the circle, but had scarcely done so, when I discovered that I had unintentionally misappropriated a portion of the white paint, which had just been daubed on several of these garden benches, and you can imagine the result. Surely when such a renovation is requisite, it behoves the officials to place some peon to warn the frequenters of that pleasant locality, and thus prevent such accidents to which many others besides myself were the victims. Would an action succeed for the injuries done to one's nether garments under the circumstances?"

WITH much pleasure we learn that the Syrian Bishop Mar Jacob Abraham has been solemnly absolved by His Lordship Bishop Meurin, S. J. from the excommunication he had incurred by his irregular consecration and schismatical invasion of Malabar.—*Bombay Catholic Examiner.*

A PARTING TRIBUTE.—The *Beacon* has the following notice of one whose name has been familiar in business circles, in Bombay as well as in Kurrachee, for a very long period:—"Last Friday's mail steamer (Nov. 30) carried away from among us the oldest European inhabitant of Kurrachee, Mr. Walter Meiklejohn, who has been residing in this province for upwards of a quarter of a century. We believe Mr. Meiklejohn originally came out to India as a soldier in the Honourable East India Company's service, at a time when many gentlemen's sons used to enlist and sail to India to carve their fortunes. After attaining the grade of a non-commissioned officer he retired and embarked in business. By dint of perseverance and steady habits he soon attained a good position among business-men, and in 1850 joined the well-known firm of Messrs. Treacher and Company, in which he was subsequently made a partner. During Sir Bartle Frere's reign in Sind, Mr. Meiklejohn was honoured with a seat on the Municipal Commission. He was then in the full vigour of life, and took a prominent part in all our social movements. He was a warm supporter of the Kurrachee European and Indo-European School, in which two of his children were educated. Their intelligence attracted the attention of Sir Bartle Frere, and we believe it was at his suggestion that Mr. Meiklejohn sent one of them (his son Robert) home to be educated for the medical profession. Dr. Robert Meiklejohn has held several lucrative appointments in the service since his return to India, and is now the Principal Medical Officer on the Indus Valley State Railway. It may not be out of place to mention that Mr.

Walter Meiklejohn was at one time a prominent member of the masonic fraternity in Sind, when men like Captain Ashburner, Mr. (now the Honourable) James Gibbs, Major Macdonald and others of that class ruled by turns as Masters of Lodge Hope, and the craft did not omit to mark their recognition of his services, when, in 1862, he proceeded to Australia for a change. During the last few years Mr. Meiklejohn was obliged to lead a very retired life owing to his physical infirmities, and the recent loss of his wife and family troubles so preyed upon his mind that he sold his valuable and extensive business for a mere song and bade farewell to Sind last Friday. It is not too much to say that he carries with him the heartfelt wishes of all who know him. He proposes, we believe, to go to Australia, but we cannot say whether he has yet decided on going there."

THE TRAFFIC ON THE B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.—The increase in goods traffic on the B. B. & C. I. Railway for the week ending 1st December 1877 was 53,786 maunds and in money Rs. 4,705. The quantities carried and the earnings compared with 1876 are as follows:—

Description.	Week ending 1st Dec. 1877.	Week ending 2nd Dec. 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.
COTTON—				
Weight	Mds 4,398	Mds 9,507	...	Mds 5,109
Amount.....	Rs. 3,840	Rs. 1[illegible],003	...	Rs. 6,163
GRAIN—				
Weight	Mds 99,946	Mds 57,101	Mds42,845	...
Amount.....	Rs. 29,838	Rs. 16,015	Rs. 13,823	...
JAGREE—				
Weight	Mds 7,472	Mds 15,166	...	Mds 7,694
Amount.....	Rs. 2,036	Rs. 4,707	...	Rs. 2,671
OPIUM—				
Weight	Mds 499	Mds 1,196	...	647
Amount.....	Rs. 1,260	Rs. 2,899	...	1,639
P. GOODS AND TWIST—				
Weight	Mds 5,165	Mds 7,017	...	1,852
Amount.....	Rs. 5,325	Rs. 6,620	...	1,295
SALT—				
Weight	Mds 44,200	Mds 26,781	Mds17,419	..
Amount.....	Rs. 9,200	Rs. 5,741	Rs. 3,459	..
SEEDS—				
Weight	Mds 7,973	Mds 18,995	..	Mds 11,022
Amount.....	Rs. 2,755	Rs. 6,321	...	Rs. 3,566
SUGAR—				
Weight	Mds 3,705	Mds 3,917	...	212
Amount	Rs. 2,039	Rs. 2,112	...	73
GENERAL GOODS—				
Weight	Mds 1,13,389	Mds 93,331	Mds20,058	20,058
Amount.....	Rs. 36,448	Rs. 33,618	Rs. 2,830	2,830
TOTAL—				
Weight	Mds 2,86,747	Mds 2,32,961	Mds53,786	53,385
Amount	Rs. 92,741	Rs. 88,036	Rs. 4,705	4,70

THE TRAFFIC ON THE G. I. P. RAILWAY.—The decrease in goods traffic on the G. I. P. Railway for the week ending 1st December 1877 was 1,09,898 maunds and in money Rs. 1,12,449. The quantities carried and the earnings compare with 1876 as follows:—

Description.	Week ending 1st Dec. 1877.	Week ending 2nd Dec. 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.
COTTON—				
Weight	Mds 26,477	Mds 11,244	Mds 15,233	...
Amount	Rs. 29,816	Rs. 14,209	Rs. 15,607	...
GRAIN AND SEEDS—				
Weight	Mds 2,44,347	Mds5,44,551	...	
Amount	Rs. 1,34,394	Rs. 3,26,883	...	M.2,15,254 Rs1,46,912
WHEAT*—				
Weight	Mds 84,950	...	...	
Amount.....	Rs. 45,577	...	...	
SALT—				
Weight	Mds 44,786	Mds 97,938	...	M. 53,152
Amount.....	Rs. 23,076	Rs. 48,305	...	Rs. 25,229
OPIUM—				
Weight	...	Mds 781	...	Mds 781
Amount.....	...	Rs. 2,374	...	Rs. 2,374
P. GOODS AND TWIST—				
Weight	Mds 18,621	Mds. 19,375	...	Mds 754
Amount	Rs. 23,759	Rs. 23,117	Rs. 5,642	...
GENERAL GOODS—				
Weight	Mds 2,98,841	Mds 1,54,031	Mds 1,44,810	..
Amount	Rs. 1,53,871	Rs. 1,13,054	Rs. 40,817	...
TOTAL—				
Weight	Mds 7,18,022	Mds 8,27,920	...	M.1,09,899
Amount	Rs. 4,15,493	Rs. 5,27,942	...	Rs1,12,448

* Wheat was included last year with Grain and Seed.

AT the first meeting of the Kurrachee Law Association, held last Wednesday, it was unanimously resolved by all the pleaders and barristers then present, that the giving of money in any way by legal practitioners to mukhtyars or law-brokers for bringing clients, should be considered as unprofessional; and at the same time it was determined that a copy of the resolution should be forwarded to the Judge of the Sudder Court, the result of which will probably be the issue of a notification from that Court to the effect that such payments will be held to constitute misconduct under the Act in force. The Law Association is to be heartily congratulated on having unanimously passed the above resolution. The practice of making such payments has become so common in Sind as to be openly recognized, and though we do not agree with the many who hold such a practice immoral, still, on public grounds, it is highly objectionable. But no mere resolution or notification can of itself destroy objectionable practices; and whether this particular resolution will or not be of benefit, must depend on the pleaders themselves.—*Beacon.*

THE KURRACHEE MUNICIPALITY RUDELY AWAKENED.—The difficulty of devising a substitute for the town duties increases in proportion to the amount of investigation that is bestowed on their incidence, for they have been fixed on an erroneous principle, and now that a revision is needful a change in the entire system seems to be requisite. As transit dues they must be abolished altogether, and as taxes on the local trade they fall so unequally, that an adjustment of the whole of them seems to be absolutely necessary. The difficulty is great, inasmuch as nearly all the Municipal income is, perhaps, to be swept away at once. The income of the Municipality amounted in 1876 to Rs. 2,69,536, to which the town duties contributed Rs. 2,31,910, leaving a balance of Rs. 37,626, contributed from the following sources:—house tax Rs. 10,896, wheel tax Rs. 4,847, Mooch, market and other rents amounted to Rs. 11,551, fees and fines from a variety of sources amounted to Rs. 10,332, making the total Rs. 37,626. The expenditure during the same period was Rs. 2,20,143-9-3, a sum above the average, but leaving a balance in hand of Rs. 49,393. We learn from these figures that the sum realised from the town duties was alone sufficient in 1876, and the same was the case in previous years, to pay all the annual expenses, so that no other tax need have been imposed. The immunity from taxation which the inhabitants have enjoyed has come to an end, we very much fear. There has been a handsome surplus every year lately which the ratepayers have contributed, the interest on which added to the sum accumulated from the sale of land amounts to about Rs. 9,000 every year, but which is not, apparently, carried to the credit of the Municipality, but which forms a part of the annual income and should be added thereto.—*Id.*

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—The trial of Walter Alexander, late an Inspector in the employ of the Kurrachee Municipality, took place on the 3rd inst. The Magistrate, on the evidence before him, did not think it necessary to examine Alexander, and accordingly discharged him. For our part we are at a loss to conceive what induced the District Magistrate to direct Alexander's re-trial. The case was fully investigated by Major Spens. Colonel Lambert states that that officer's enquiry was "imperfect," but in what way he does not say. All the witnesses adduced for the prosecution had been carefully examined and cross-examined, and on the evidence before him (medical &c.) Major Spens had no alternative but to discharge Alexander. —*Id.*

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

EXCERPTS from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 6th instant.

Read Government Resolution dated 29th Nov., approving of the addition of a clause to the Port Trust Act providing for the remission, by the Trustees, with the sanction of Government, of wharfage and other fees in special cases, and also of the alteration recommended by the Trustees in Resolution of 1st Nov. to be made in Section 26.—Resolution: to be recorded.

Submitted memo. by the Secretary, dated 16th Nov., on the subject of cart fees, shewing that the revenue derived from them has amounted to an average of Rs. 15,033 for the past three years, while the expense of maintaining the roads has averaged Rs. 16,711. Read minutes of Trustees thereon.—Resolution: The cart fees should be abolished from 1st Jan. 1878, subject to the sanction of Government.

The following were amongst the papers laid on the table.

Government Resolution dated 24th Nov. sanctioning the lease of 376 5-9 square yards land on Elphinstone estate to Jewraz Jetha for 50 years.

Government Resolution dated 24th Nov., sanctioning the lease of 195 5-9 square yards land on Mody Bay Port Trust estate to Gosla Mitha for 50 years.

Pilotage statement for week to 4th December.

11 Vessels piloted into harbour.
25 ,, ,, out of ,,
4 ,, transported.
1 ,, attended to.

ARRIVAL OF H. E. THE GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY IN KURRACHEE.

(*Beacon*, Dec. 3.)

H. E. SIR R. TEMPLE, Governor of Bombay, arrived in Kurrachee harbour in the May Frere yesterday afternoon. Soon after the Acting Commissioner in Sind, Mr. F. D. Melvill, proceeded to Keamaree, accompanied by Brigadier General Howard-Vyse, Major Grant, the Acting Judicial Commissioner, Colonel Lambert, the Collector, and the heads of departments, to conduct His Excellency on shore. The party on arrival at Keamaree proceeded on board the May Frere, and after remaining there a short time Sir Richard Temple, accompanied by his Military Secretary, Captain Rivett-Carnac, his Private Secretary, Mr. Buckland, Captains Anderson and Dean Pitt, his A. D.-Cs., and Dr. Waters, Surgeon to His Excellency, entered the steam launch with Mr. Melvill and landed at Keamaree. The ships in harbour and native boats were covered with flags, and a large crowd assembled on the pier to witness the landing. Brigadier General Howard-Vyse, Colonel Mourant, Commanding the 83rd Regiment and the District Staff, were in attendance at Keamaree, accompanied by an escort of 12 mounted men under the command of an officer to escort His Excellency to Government House. A guard of honour composed of 100 men of the 19th Regiment N. I. under the command of a European officer were present at Government House. On arrival there at 5 p. m. a salute of 17 guns was fired. The stay of Sir Richard Temple in Kurrachee will be only for two nights. The intention at first was to remain one night only in Kurrachee, but the plans were altered yesterday, and at 8-30 to-morrow morning he will leave Government House accompanied by his personal Staff, the Commissioner in Sind, the Brigadier-General, and heads of departments, for the Frere Road railway station, whence, accompanied by the Commissioner, the Governor and party will leave for Butcha near Buggatora. A detached party of the 19th Regiment is left at Government House during the night to form a guard of honour to His Excellency.

THE DRAINAGE COMMISSION.

DR. HEWLETT'S EVIDENCE—(CONTINUED.)

BY MR. BELL—What would you do with the sludge? A. The sludge would be removed from the settling tanks. You would probably have to use some defecating agent. I visited as many as 30 towns at home and inspected the arrangements there, and I came to the conclusion that the best means was to remove the sludge matter by—Latham's Extractors, I think they are called now, but in those days they were called interceptors.—Q. Do you think it could be put to any use? A. I say the effluent water could be used over the ground for irrigation purposes.

By the President—By storing it in tanks, will the sewage be rendered more offensive than it would be otherwise? A. If you use a deodorizing agent, like Hille's process, the sludge not only becomes non-offensive, but may be used for deodorizing.—Q. Does not sewage, when placed in tanks, become more impure and more offensive the longer it is kept? A. Mr. Walton's paper will give you a description of that. Mr. Hille occasionally employs the sludge, supplemented by small doses of chemicals, for deodorizing. I have had no experience of this method myself; I have not seen it. What I have seen is in the way of clarification processes. The simplest and the best, I think, is the addition of lime and the deposit then obtained is not offensive, as far as I have seen it. I saw that plan in operation at Leicester.—Q. What would you do with the sludge. A. You merely have earthen storage tanks, and they can either be covered over with earth when filled and fresh tanks dug or the sludge can be dug out and spread to dry. I do not think there would be any offence from it.—Q. What would you do in the monsoon? A. For the monsoon I think special arrangements would have to be made. As I say, I think the best plan would be to let the sewage flow over the sand.—Q. The crude sewage? A. I would always remove the sludge. There should be no difficulty about that.—Q. But how would you dispose of it? A. I would cover in the tanks with earth when they were filled. There is plenty of ground there.—Q. You would make a series of tanks, one after the other? A. Yes, and as soon as the monsoon was over, I would dig them out and fill them over again.

By Mr. Bell—And the result would be that you would have effluent water for irrigation purposes? A. Yes. —Q. And what would be the length of your main sewer required for this project? A. From Love Grove to Sion,—Q. You would carry the main sewer from Love Grove to Sion? A. I would allow the existing sewer to remain as far as Love Grove, pump the sewage up there, and carry it on to Sion. At Love Grove, you lift the sewage 26ft.; it is better to lift it 26ft. there than 40ft. at Sion.—Q. What is the distance from Love Grove to Sion? A. Well, these are rather engineering points. I have not measured the distance. You can tell by measuring it on the map.

Mr. Bell—I do not quite understand what gain of lift you would have by pumping at Love Grove.

Dr. Hewlett—These are rather more of engineering points than I think a sanitary officer should be examined upon; but you have only 26ft. of lift at Love Grove, and you would be able, as I understand, to send the sewage from there by a high level sewer to Sion. But I cannot speak on engineering points.

By the President—In the event of your stopping short at Sion for the utilization of the sewage, would the land require any preparation, or is it already in a fit state to receive sewage? A. I think it is in a fit state to receive it.—Q. Is there much sub-soil water? A. No, between Dharavee and Sion, I do not think there is much sub-soil water.—Q. It is necessary, is it not, that for purposes of irrigation the land should be either artificially or naturally drained?—A. Yes, and that can be easily done. One of the outlets for the storm-water of the island is between Dharavee and Mahim, just on the east of the B. B. and C. I. Railway. There is the valley line.—Q. And you think the physical character of the soil is good for the purpose? A. Yes, I believe it is fairly good.—Q. What are its general characteristics? A. It is rice paddy field.—Q. You do not know the character of the soil? A. No, I think it is sandy loam, but I don't know. It tends towards sand in the direction of Mahim.—Q. What crops do you propose producing? A. The best crops I have seen grown by sewage utilization are of Italian rye grass, or you could grow lucerne.—Q. Have you any idea of what would be the cost of using the defecating process in tanks? A. I am told that with Hille's process it is estimated to cost Rs. 30,000 a year. I cannot speak from any personal knowledge, but that is Mr. Walton's estimate.

By Mr. Bell—What quantity of chemicals do you think it would be necessary to apply to a million gallons? A. I have had no experience of this particular process, and without that it is impossible to say. Mr. Walton estimates the cost at Rs. 30,000 a year. I have never seen Hille's process.

By the President—Would your scheme be purely one of irrigation, or would you combine irrigation with intermittent downward filtration? A. Speaking sanitarily, I myself always prefer that the effluent water should be passed through sand filters, because the effluent water contains a large amount of organic matter in solution, probably as much as 75 per cent., though the land, if it is perfectly applied, will and does take it all. I have seen effluent water that has been applied to clay lands at Warwick pass off in a clear, pellucid stream.—Q. It would require to be applied very gradually and slowly to such a soil, I suppose? A. Yes, it was. It was applied by a gentleman who had been in India a long time. The water was run off clear, and so it was at Rugby. But in this country I think it would be safer—if it could be done without very great additional cost—to allow it to pass through sand filters. This intermittent downward filtration system has been introduced, especially by Mr. Bayley Denton, in many places at home, and I think it has been shown that it is a very valuable means of dealing with sewage, especially in England, where the effluent water has often to be allowed to escape into running streams.—Q. Do you know what is the amount of organic matter left in solution in the water? A. That depends on the extent and the quality of the land it has passed over, and a variety of other conditions.

The President—Frankland's estimate, I think, is about 70 per cent.

Dr. Hewlett—After it has been passed over land?

The President—Yes, remaining still in the effluent water.

Dr. Hewlett—It depends of course, on many conditions. The time of year is a factor. In regard to Croydon, it is

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stated that there was in the effluent water per hundred thousand parts only ·104 of organic nitrogen during the spring, and it increased to ·126 during the summer, to ·133 during the autumn, and to ·145 during the winter.

By Mr. Bell—And it is stated that the sewage of Croydon is extremely weak, owing to leakage of sub-soil drainage into the sewers. That is stated in a report dated 1877.

Dr. Hewlett—I believe the leakage was discovered at the time I was at home, and has been stopped. At the same time, what I saw at Croydon was not at all weak stuff.

By Mr. Bell—Was that treated by intermittent filtration?—A. No, there was no intermittent filtration at Croydon when I was there. The solid matter was extracted by Mr. Latham's interceptor; and I think it might be advisable to use the extractor here. Only last night, in fact, I saw that they were obliged to take out from the existing sewer large quantities of solid filth, which would otherwise have choked the pumps.

By Mr. Hart—Do you refer to filth or to other objects, such as pieces of cloth, paper, &c.? A. All kinds of rubbish.—Q. No filth? A. Yes, filth. What the men at the pumping station ascribed it to was the amount of night-soil that is deposited in the drains of the town. There was a lot of solid matter. I saw it myself taken out at the air-shafts before it reached the pumps.

By the President—I do not quite understand how you propose to dispose of the sludge after the defecating process. Do you mean that you would cover over the tanks that are done with and dig fresh tanks? A. I suggest that just what Major Tulloch proposes should be done with it. He says, "I would first pass it into settling tanks, and let the clear liquid only flow over the fields. These tanks could be made most inexpensively."—Q. I am not speaking now of the construction of the tanks; I want to know what you would do with the sludge after the defecating process?—A. "After each tank had been filled, the residue would be allowed to dry, and when dry, as it soon would be under an Indian sun, about 6 or 8 inches of the dry rubbish of the town could be thrown over the top, and each tank would become an irrigation field and would help to disinfect so much more sewage." That is what Major Tulloch proposes, and I think it is feasible.—Q. Would there be any danger in the process? A. I do not think so.—Q. Would there be any danger in the dry sludge, after it had become quite dry? A. I do not think so, especially if you disinfect it by Hille's process.—Q. Would the disinfectant dispose of the organic matter? A. The disinfectant would arrest the decomposition of organic matter, and the stuff could be used for growing plants, while it would also be rendered innocuous.

By Mr. Hart—Would there be any objection to throwing the residue out into the harbour if it was found it would not pay to put it on the land? A. I would not put it into the harbour until it had passed through sand filters. I think there would be an objection on that point, because there are salt pans near there, I think that would certainly be objectionable unless it had passed through sand.

By the President—The configuration of the ground at Mahim is like ordinary irrigation beds, is it not,—like land prepared for ordinary irrigation with rain water, and would be sufficiently prepared for the irrigation which you propose? A. I should think it would be; but I think it would be better to have it on the English system—to have main carriers and herring bone subsidiary drains.—Q. Supposing the sewage became putrid before arriving at the tanks, would that add much to the cost of defecating it? A. I dare say; but it ought not to be putrid if the pumps are effective, it cannot be so.—Q. And how much do you think you could deliver on the land? Supposing it was prepared as you say, what quantity of sewage do you think it would take per acre? A. I should deliver the whole quantity of the town, six million gallons.—Q. But to do that you would require a certain acreage? A. Yes.—Q. And what amount do you think you could deliver at Sion? How many tons would you be prepared to pour over each acre. A. I am not prepared to say; but I believe 600 or 700 acres would be ample for the sewage of Bombay.—Q. Say you have 700 acres, would you pour it continuously on the land, or have an intermittent supply? A. I would never drench the land. It is one of the greatest mistakes possible to drench the land. You require to have it poured over in a thin stream, and to have an intermittent system, some being land under irrigation and some not.—Q. Do you know what is the percentage of land which should be unirrigated at any time? A. That would differ according to the character of the soil.—Q. Say, taking into account the character of the soil here? A. That is a matter for experiment.—Q. I know it varies very much, but I want you to give the Commission an idea as to what quantity per acre you would be able to dispose of? A. I cannot say. That is a matter entirely for experiment. It is a matter that has never been experimented on in this country.—Q. Do you think the evaporation would be more here than in the United Kingdom or less? A. There can be no doubt that it would be more.—Q. You do not think the air is so humid here that evaporation is no quicker than in England? A. No, I certainly do not. The way in which the roads dry after being watered is sufficient proof. The evaporation in the Indian Ocean is estimated at as much as an inch in 24 hours, which is an enormous quantity. Of course, the amount of evaporation depends on other conditions beside the heat of the sun. It depends on the movement of air a great deal, and there is a great movement of air over the island of Bombay. The wind blows for 18½ hours a day from the sea. I have no doubt that evaporation here is very rapid.—Q. Do you think, roughly, that it would be three or four times as much as in England? A. I should think about that amount.

The President—I was curious to know what the evaporation was in Bombay, and I found, on reference to the reports at the Observatory at Colaba, that on the 3rd of this month it was ·645. Taking 100 as the standard, that gives you a pretty good idea. It is about four times as much as in England.

Dr. Hewlett—Yes, merely looking at the roads after they have been watered will show that evaporation is very rapid.

By the President—Then the probabilities are that the land here will take more than in England? A. I think the probabilities are that it would.—Q. Properly prepared land would? A. I think so. I think it would probably take up a considerable deal more than at home. Of course where there is a still air, the evaporation is less, but here we have generally a continual movement of air; the meteorological returns show that. During the year 1872, the wind blew a daily mean of 17½ hours from the sea, and 6½ hours off the land.—Q. Do you think the proposed outfall at Worlee would prove a nuisance to the inhabitants of Worlee? A. I do.—Q. As regards the village of Worlee and the proposed outfall, what is the direction of the wind? A. The village of Worlee lies, I think, north by east from the proposed outfall.—Q. Then a northerly wind would have the effect of driving the smell away from the village? A. It is not the village only, but the whole district between Worlee and Love Grove. It is not the sluices only that cause a nuisance, but the deposit along the foreshore.—Q. Will the deposit go to the north?

Dr. Hewlett—Do not the currents run from south to north as well as from north to south?

The President—For how long?

Dr. Hewlett—I do not know for how long; but I think they do.

By the President—Did you not say that you saw no deposit to the north? A. No. I did see some deposit to the north.—Q. How far? A. To the north of the present outlet.—Q. There is no deposit to the north of the village of Worlee? A. I have not been there to examine.—Q. At any rate, the village is to the north and eastward of the proposed outlet? A. Yes, it is.—Q. Have you formed any idea on any peculiar mode of ventilating sewers? A. Yes.—Q. Will you kindly explain your views on that point? A. I think that for main sewers the plan I have always seen adopted—and which Mr. Rawlinson always adopts—is the best, viz.—ventilation into the streets at the manholes, guarded by charcoal filters.—Q. Would you use charcoal? A. Certainly.—Q. Do you think charcoal interferes with ventilation, or not? A. That may be so to a certain extent if the openings are not sufficiently numerous; but considering that you propose to have an opening at every 100 feet, I think it would be safe.—Q. No doubt, the freer access the sewer gases have to the air the better. You allow that?—A. Yes, certainly.—Q. And do not you think that to have as free communication as possible between the sewer and the outside air is better than using charcoal. A. No, I think that every opening should be guarded by charcoal.—Q. You think that would be better than allowing a freer communication with the outside air? A. Yes, I do. I have had experience of charcoal filters. In every town which Mr. Rawlinson has sewered I have seen them used; and I never heard that they impeded ventilation, though Mr. Bailey Denton says they do. Mr. Rawlinson always adopts that plan. In Parkes' third edition of 1869, he says char coal as recommended by Stenhouse, has been used with great advantage to absorb the fetid gases of sewers.—Q. Do you quote Parkes' edition of 1869 as an authority? Does Parkes' last edition advise the use of charcoal? A. I do not know; I have not got his last edition.—Q. Do more recent authorities advise the use of charcoal. A. Yes, they do. I will take Mr. Baldwin Latham, who has invented a charcoal filter. I have seen it in action, and it certainly is very effective. I think Latham's filter is about one of the best I know. But Mr. Rawlinson always uses simply a tray, and I have found that very effectual. At the same time, if these are not found effectual in Bombay, you can put shafts over the crown of your sewers and have artificial heat below, and you can also make use of your lamp-posts; but in every case I think it is safer to pass the sewer gases through charcoal.

By Mr. Bell—Are you aware that a great number of engineers at home are dispensing with the use of charcoal. A. Yes.—Q. And finding that charcoal ventilators impede ventilation and do more harm than good, would you not dispense with them here. A. No. The conditions are different at home. They, in many cases, admit large quantities of steam into their sewers, and in such cases charcoal is found to interfere with ventilation. But we have not the same condition here.—Q. But we have for four months in the year a continuous rainfall. Would it not be impossible during that time to keep the charcoal dry? A. Latham's ventilator provides for that.—Q. But are you not aware that that has been given up at home? And do you not think that frequent ventilating holes will be sufficient for the sewers of Bombay? A. No. I allow that in a great part of London charcoal is not used, and that there is very little nuisance, but at the same time, I think it is safer to have charcoal, to make provision for it.—Q. You think it would be safer to have charcoal trays, with a thorough system of ventilation at the same time? A. I maintain that in many towns that is secured. I have seen several towns where Mr. Rawlinson has carried out his system, and where it has always been successful. I have never heard of any complaints in those towns; and I have tried the current of air with an anemometer and have always found a current through the charcoal. It is the admission of steam into the sewers which interferes very largely with the use of charcoal in England. Of course, if the charcoal became wet in the monsoon here that would interfere with ventilation; that must be a matter of observation.—Q. But where sewers are thoroughly aerated by a good system of ventilation, do you still consider charcoal ventilators necessary? A. Yes, I think they are safer.—Q. Necessary? A. I think they are safer.

By the President—They have been tried here and have been given up, I believe? A. I believe charcoal has never been tried properly in Bombay.—Q. The evidence is that Mr. Braham applied charcoal ventilators on the most approved principle, but they did not succeed? A. I do not think they have been tried here properly; that is my impression.—Q. Have you any reason for saying so? A. I have seen charcoal filters applied in England, and if they are properly applied, they are successful. I can quote you Dr. Letheby's evidence and Mr. Hayward's evidence on the point.—Q. What is the date? A. They are of old date.

The President—We are speaking now of knowledge derived from practical application of charcoal filters to the ventilation of sewers.

Dr. Hewlett—Well, I have seen the practical application.

The President—Theoretically, they were good enough, but now they have been thoroughly tried, and it has been found, as far as the recent authorities on the subject go, that complete ventilation without the charcoal is better than with the charcoal. I merely wanted you to give us your opinion.

Dr. Hewlett—I have visited as many as 30 towns in England, and I have come to the conclusion, from my experience, that where a system of charcoal trays is efficiently carried out—and there is no difficulty about it, as far as I know—the ventilation of the sewers is very good. I think it is safer to use them.

The President—Is there any other mode of ventilation proposed?

Dr. Hewlett—I am speaking now only of main sewers not of house-connections. I think you might have ventilation through the lamp-posts, and also, supposing the ventilation into the streets is insufficient you might have special air shafts with artificial heat below to create an upward current of air, such as is shown by Mr. Baldwin Latham.

By Mr. Bell—Do we understand you to recommend only one form of charcoal trays, or more? A. Either Mr. Rawlinson's plan or Mr. Latham's. I have seen Mr. Latham's working very successfully.—Q. That is Latham's spiral process? A. Yes. That is especially adapted to a system of sewerage which admits storm water as well as sewage.

By the President—Do you think there is any necessity for ventilating shafts running above the house roofs? A. Yes, I say, I think you should have ventilating shafts running above the houses, along the line of main sewers.

By Mr. Bell—At what distances would you put those shafts? A. That will depend upon experiment; I believe you will find the ventilation into the streets and also through the lamp-posts to be sufficient. If these are not found sufficient, then you can put shafts over the crown of your sewers and carry them above the houses. That is as regards the main sewers. As regards the house drains, I think every particular house drain should have its particular ventilating pipe carried above the roof of the house, and care should be taken that the pipe does not open under the window of an adjoining house.—Q. That is one of the ordinary precautions connected with sewerage, is it not? A. I am sorry to say it is not. That is just one of the points fought about—that the ventilation of house drains has not been attended to.—Q. You are speaking of Bombay, I presume? A. No, I am speaking of England. But if I might be allowed to make a remark, I think you have a most practical sanitary engineer in Mr. Walton, and I think those points may very safely be left to him. I think it would be a good thing for the Municipality if he were to be sent home to gain a practical experience in these matters. He might be sent home for six months and go round England, as I did with an introduction from Mr. Rawlinson, and see all the different systems at work. I think Mr. Walton has educated himself into being a first-rate practical sanitary engineer.

By the President—With a water supply of 23 gallons per head of the population a day, have you any objection to establishing house-connections with the sewers in Bombay. A. Formerly I was doubtful on that point, and I recommended in various of my reports that the measure should be tried tentatively; but I have come to the conclusion, considering the experiences of Calcutta and Turkey, that night soil may be safely admitted into the sewers, if only due precautions are taken at the houses themselves. The greatest precautions must be taken to prevent the entrance of sewer gases into the houses. If there has ever been one good done in Bombay, it is by the system I commenced whilst I was Health Officer of insisting on privies being detached from houses—that there should be an air space of 3 feet all round a privy. That will render the introduction of night-soil into the sewers a very much safer matter than it would otherwise have been; and you have another great advantage in Bombay in the gullies between the houses, upon which the privies generally abut upon. Then, for all the residents of different sorts you have ranges of detached privies, at a distance from the buildings in which the people live. As to my experience of the different kinds of privies they have in Liverpool the trough water latrines of Macfarlane or Jennings, which might very safely be introduced here; and there is also the tumbler water-closet, which is an admirable one. I have seen it in use at Leeds, and it acts capitally, and flushes everything away. It is self-acting, without being dependent on the person using it to pull a plug. Of course, the flushing of privies and house-drains is of the most vital importance.—Q. Do you advocate the establishment of public latrines in neighbourhoods where the people are too poor to have privies in connection with their own houses? A. Yes, there should certainly be public latrines.—Q. And with them, you think a water supply of 23 gallons a head would be sufficient? A. I do.—Q. You referred at the beginning of your evidence to some float experiments conducted by Mr. Aitken at Worlee? A. Yes.—Q. How many were made, do you remember? A. I quoted an extract from Mr Aitken's Preliminary Report, page 3.

The President—There were only two experiments made on which Mr. Aitken bases that strong statement, and it is somewhat misleading when you come to analyse it. In the most northern of the two experiments, the float went out to sea before it returned.

Dr. Hewlett—Then it is desirable that further experiments should be made.

The President—They have been going on ever since the Commission commenced to sit. I wished to draw your attention to this, to show you that Mr. Aitken's strong statement is misleading.

Dr. Hewlett—There is no doubt the floats came back to the shore.

The President—Yes, but after one had been more than a mile out to sea.

Dr. Hewlett—It would have been more satisfactory had more experiments been made. I merely quoted from Mr. Aitken's report.

By the President—I suppose you do not doubt that it is more economical to throw the sewage into the sea than to deal with it as you suggest? A. Certainly, as a question merely of economy, there is no question about it. The strong point in favour of Worlee is the financial one, no doubt.—Q. Is there anything that you wish to say further? A. I have seen it stated that flushing the sewers with salt water has been recommended. I must say I have a great objection to that. Mr. Rawlinson says that "flushing sewers with salt water is not advisable, as there is a generation of gases caused by mixing seawater with sewage, which renders it more actively injurious than if the sewage is diluted with fresh water."—Q. What does he base that statement upon? A. I cannot say.—Q. On the presence of the salts in the water? A. On the action of salt water on the sewage.—Q. I presume, on the action of the saline constituents of the water on the sewage? A. Yes. You must remember that the salt water you would use is not pure, such as you would get out in mid ocean. The sea water around this island contains a great quantity of suspended impurities—Q. Then, is it the suspended impurities in the sea water to which you object and not the sea water itself? A. To both. And not only that, but I have other objections, I say it is financially wrong, and those who recommend it can never have seen a sewage scheme in operation in their lives. The question of its being injuri-

ous came up before, and I asked Dr. Parkes and Dr Letheby, and they both told me that in their opinion it would be decidedly injurious. I will give you as an instance the horrible sewer at Sonapore. It is offensive at all times, but it is never so offensive as when the salt water gets in. Then the whole district is flooded with a horrible stench. And I will ask you, sir, as an officer who served in the old Indian Navy, if you do not remember perfectly well how offensive the bilge water of a sailing vessel is. The mixture of salt water with putrescent matter causes a smell which is extremely offensive. I would go further, and leaving out the question whether it is injurious, I say it is not necessary; all sewers ought to be made to flush themselves. The object of flushing is to remove any deposit that there may be. You can only have salt water at the head of your main sewer. Dr. Corfield says that sewers ought to flush themselves continually, and so they ought. Every ounce of water you put in that is not requisite you have to pay an additional sum for pumping out again; and in my opinion, by mixing the sewage with salt water, you render it not worth anything for irrigation. Then, the flushing would be in the wrong place; the place to flush the sewers is at the head of every tributary drain and every pipe connection. You do not want to flush your main sewers; they should be made to flush themselves by means of temporary dams. I have seen that plan in operation in every town I have visited in England. Flushing with salt water is unnecessary; it is expensive, and it is done in the wrong place.—Q. Would the sulphates contained in the sea water be worse than the ordinary saline constituents of the sewage? A. They would be much the same.—Q. Is it not said that the sulphates contained in the sea water are the cause of sulphuretted hydrogen being given off, when it is mixed with sewage? A. You get also sulphide of ammonium, which is the more hurtful gas of the two.—Q. Would the sulphates contained in the sea water materially add to the decomposition already set up by the salts in the sewage? A. The sulphates of magnesia and lime which are contained in in sea water are not in such large quantities as the chlorides are, but I believe the sulphates in sea water would add to the decomposition.—Q. You think it would intensify it? A. I think it would increase it.

By Mr. Bell—As a matter of course all properly constructed sewers provide for flushing by the damming process. A. Yes.—Q. And no doubt that would be provided for in Bombay? A. Yes, I am told, it would. I have spoken to Mr. Walton on the subject. Flushing with salt water is unnecessary; it would add to the impurities in the sewage; and it would spoil the sewage for utilization purposes.

This concluded Dr. Hewlett's evidence.

THE ALEXANDRA INSTITUTION.

THE annual general meeting of the life-governors, members, and subscribers of the Alexandra Native Girls' English Institution to receive the Directors' report and accounts was held on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the school-rooms, when there were present, besides the members of the Board, viz., Manockjee Cursetjee, Esq., president; Cursetjee N. Cama, Esq., vice-president and treasurer; Dr. R. C. Badhurjee; Harrichandra Sadashewjee, Esq, and Muncherjee M. Bhownaggree, Esq., secretaries; also the following gentlemen: John Jardine, Esq., C.S., Bhugwandas Purshotumdass, Esq, Jehangeer B. Vacha, Esq., Dhurrumsey Poonjabhoy, Esq., Dr. Dhirajaram Dulputram, H. A. Suntook, Esq., K. R. Colah, Esq.

After the Chairman, Mr. Manockjee Cursetjee, had opened the proceedings by reading the notice convening the meeting. The Secretary read a report of the school for the past year, showing that considerable progress had been made, and that the institution generally was in a very satisfactory condition. We take the following account of a visit to the school by Lord and Lady Lytton this time last year:—During the sojourn of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Lytton to Bombay in December last *en route* to Delhi, they were pleased to honour your institution with a visit. Though the brief notice which the board had of their kind intention did not allow of any elaborate preparation being made for the reception of these august personages, still the occason which was graced with the presence of a large number of native ladies and gentlemen, passed off with *eclat*. Their Excellencies arrived at about 6 p.m. accompanied with their suite, and stayed nearly one hour. As they entered the room, the pupils sang the National Anthem. A selection of songs and recitations was then given, which was much applauded by their Excellencies who were also much pleased with the specimen of needle work and drawing which were exhibited on tables. Lady Lytton was pleased to accept of a drawing, being a crayon drawing of Lord Lytton, executed by Mrs. Jerbai Patel, and the Viceroy also graciously accepted a cushion worked in Berlin wool by Mrs. Avabai Pocha. Before their departure, His Lordship very kindly recorded the following encouraging and gratifying testimony in the visitors' book:—"I cordially congratulate Bombay in general, and Mr. Maneckjee Cursetjee in particular, on the great success of this excellent school, and I have had great pleasure in making the acquaintance of its interesting pupils." A few days after, His Excellency was further pleased to send a graceful donation of Rs. 200 to the Institution, and the letter in which it was enclosed conveyed also a gracious promise from His Excellency to present to the school-library a copy of his famous work, "Fables in Song." His Lordship was, moreover pleased to accede to the request to become the vice-patron of the Institution, which office had become vacant on the departure of Lord-Northbrook from India. The Board would here take the opportunity to tender their thanks to Mrs. Nusserwanjee Dady Sett for her having kindly placed at the disposal of the school the spacious hall of Dady Sett's house in the Fort for the purpose of the gathering.

The report having been read and the treasurer's accounts for the past year having been laid upon the table, the following resolutions were put to the meeting:—

Resolution I.—Proposed by K. R. Colah, Esq., and seconded by H. A. Suntook, Esq., That the report and accounts now submitted to this meeting be adopted and confirmed as the report and accounts of the Alexandra Native Girls' english Institution for the year 1876.

Resolution II.—Proposed by H. A. Suntook, Esq., and seconded by Manockjee Cursetjee, Esq, That the Hon'bd Sorabjee Shapoorjee Bengallee and Harischundra Sadashewjee, Esq., A.I.C.E., who retire by rotation from the Board of Directors, be re-elected members of the board.

Resolution III.—Proposed by John Jardine, Esq., C.S., and seconded by Dr. R. C. Badhurjee, That it is thought advisable that the consideration of the question of Sir Cowasjee Jehangeer's withdrawl of his promised donation of Rs. 20,000 towards constructing a building for this Institution be postponed to the next annual general meeting, which is due to be held early next year.

In proposing this resolution Mr. Jardine said—The withdrawal by Sir Cowasjee Jehangeer of his offer of Rs. 20,000 was a subject for regret. Everyone present would sympathize with Mr. Monockjee Cursetjee in this disappointment in a matter affecting an institution, to the establishment and prosperity of which he had devoted so many years of his life. But Mr. Jardine had learnt that Mr. Manockjee with his usual moderation was endeavouring to settle the affair by securing the good offices of a gentleman who also had the good of the institution at heart. It was possible that Sir Cowasjee might revert to his original intention and fulfil his promise, and in so doing add to the respect which his munificence had secured him in Bombay. It was undesirable that there should be divisions among the principal Parsee families in a matter affecting the institution. It would look bad if the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales ended in a disagreement; while, so far as his own feelings were concerned, Mr. Jardine would rather make his first appearance as a life-governor in the character of a peace-maker, especially as no harm could result from a postponement of the consideration of the question.

The resolution being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

Resoluton IV.—Proposed by Bhugwandas Purshotumdas, Esq., and seconded by Dhurrumsey Poonjabhoy, Esq., That this meeting offers its best thanks to the Board of Directors for their energetic and judicious management of the affairs of the Alexandra Native Girls' English Institution during a period in which, besides the ordinary functions pertaining to the inner working and supervision of the school and its interests, it was rendered incumbent upon them to perform a duty of an especially arduous and unpleasant nature.—Carried unanimously.

Resolution V.—Proposed by Dr. R. C. Badhurjee, and seconded by N. Sadashewjee, Esq., That the best thanks of this meeting are due to Jehangeer Gustadjee, Esq., for the trouble taken by him to audit the treasurer's accounts of this Institution for 1876.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting dissolved.

ROBBING THE OUDH AND ROHILKAND RAILWAY.

MR. ROBERT SAMUEL LOVEJOY, timber and machine foreman, in the employ of the Oudh and Rohilkand Railway Company, appeared on Thrsday, at the Calcutta Police Court, on the summons that had been issued against him to answer a charge of cheating preferred against him by the said Company. The wrongful loss to the Company, as is alleged, amounts to several thousands of rupees and in one transaction alone to Rs. 20,000. After taking some evidence, His Worship observed that Mr. Trevelyan had made out no case at all at present, and under the circumstances he could not, in the event of an adjournment, ask the defendant to find bail for his appearance on a future occasion. Mr. Trevelyan said he left that matter entirely in the hands of the Court. He could not possibly proceed further to-day without the witness Brindabun. His Worship therefore formally adjourned the case for a week, subject to any future application which might be made, enlarging the defendant on his personal recognizance of Rs. 20,000 to appear next Wednesday.

THE JOWAKI PROCLAMATION.

THE text of the Proclamation to the Jowakis is as follows;—

1. The Jowaki Afridis, a section of the Adam Kheyl Afridis, inhabit a small strip of independent territory which runs south from the Jowaki Pass into the Kohat District, nearly touching the main military road half-way between Khushalgarh and Kohat.

2. Within the last few months this tribe has assumed an attitude of hostility, defied the authority of British Government, and perpetrated numerous unprovoked outrages and treacherous murders within British territory.

3. On the night of the 15th July they cut the telegraph wire between Kohat and Khushalgarh in several places; and, when reparation, according to tribal usage, was required, they sent an insolent reply. On the 24th July a party of Jowakis rescued two of their tribe from a guard of British police and carried off three of the latter into the Jowaki hills. On the 27th July the guard was released, but on the next night the telegraph wire was cut again. On the 30th July the tribe submitted, came into Kohat, and gave satisfaction for its offences. Scarcely, however, had this quarrel been settled, when without any assignable cause the Jowakis again exhibited hostile designs and began to remove their property and grain from the villages on the plains to their fastnesses in the hills. This movement was accompanied with the most insolent demand for remission of the fines recently imposed on them, for an indemnity on account of cattle seized during Kohat Pass difficulties, for the restoration of their Pass allowances, and for exemption from responsibility both for the good behaviour of their clansmen, and for the safety of the telegraph wire skirting their hills which they had engaged to protect.

4. The answer of the local authorities to these demands was still under consideration of the tribe, when in defiance of Pathan usage and with a treachery unexampled among the tribes of the frontier, the Jowakis re-commenced hostilities. On the 17th August they carried off thirty-six commissariat mules from the Khushalgarh road and killed one of the muleteers. The same night, a small party of sepoys of the 3rd Sikh Infantry, proceeding on leave, was attacked on the Khushalgarh road. Three were killed and a traveller with them; and the telegraph wire was again cut. On the 19th August, a portion of Gandiali, a vilage in British territory, was burned, and one man wounded. On the 20th August, a convoy of mules escorted by troops was attacked by 500 Jowakis. The following night the telegraph wire was again cut. A bridge on the Khushalgarh road was burned on the 27th August, and two days later an unsuccessful attempt was made to burn a second bridge.

5. The British Government was still unwilling to proceed to extremities with this petty tribe. On the 30th a small force of British troops entered the Jowaki country for the purpose only of intercepting the persons concerned in the perpetration of the above-mentioned outrages.

6. Meanwhile aggressions on British territory did not cease. On the 9th September, a number of camels were carried off from the Saramela plain. On the 11th the telegraph wire was cut again. A few days later the British Police Station at Shadipur on the Indus was fired upon. On the 17th September a large band of Jowakis attacked the village of Koteyri. They killed and wounded some of the villagers, and carried off much plunder. The same day another band made a successful raid upon the village of Kheri Shaikh Khan. On the 24th the Deputy Commissioner and Major Lance, Commanding the 2nd Punjab Cavalry, were fired upon while inspecting sites near the Gandiali ravine. The latter officer was badly wounded. The same day an outlying picket near Gumbat was attacked, and four Khattaks killed. On the 11th October an attempt to carry off cattle was frustrated. But on the 22nd October the Jowakis attacked in force the Khattak village of Ghorizai. Three villagers were killed, two were severely wounded, and much plunder was carried off. The village of Kamar, on the Indus, nine miles north of Khushalgarh, was attacked on the night of the 23rd. Five men were killed, five were wounded, and some cattle were carried off. On the night of the 25th a Havildar's party of the 22nd Native Infantry was surprised at the Shahkot encamping ground near the foot of the Cherat hill. The Havildar, five sepoys, and one policeman were killed. Seven sepoys were wounded and eight rifles carried off. Shahkot was again attacked on the night of the 27th October, but no casualties occurred. These last raids were prepetrated by the Bhori Jowakis in violation of the Treaty of 1854. Besides the above many other outrages have been perpetrated by the whole tribe of the Jowakis, to detail which would be tedious.

7. The forbearance of the British Government having thus been misunderstood, and every effort to bring this petty border tribe to reason by peaceful means having failed, the Governor-General in Council finds himself reluctantly compelled to have recourse to severe measures in order to exact reparation for past misdeeds, to render the Jowakis powerless to commit such outrages in the future, and to maintain peace and security of life and property on this portion of the Punjab frontier.

8. His Excellency in Council has, therefore, resolved to occupy the villages of Turki and Paiah and a portion of the Jowaki country, maintaining a light blockade upon the rest. The two villages named will be held, and the blockade maintained until such time as the Jowakis shall tender their absolute submission.

9. The Governor-General in Council desires that the object of these measures, viz., the righteous punishment of a series of unprovoked outrages committed by the petty tribe of Jowakis on British territory and the prevention of future aggressions by that tribe, should be explained to the neighbouring tribes. Those tribes will be expected not to afford shelter or evasion to the Jowakis. It is a matter of satisfaction to His Excellency in Council that the Jowakis at present stand alone in the hostile attitude they have assumed, and that the elders of the Adam Kheyl section of the Afridi tribe, as yet unimplicated in the misconduct of their neighbours, have furnished hostages as pledges for their neutrality, and have engaged to allow the Jowakis no passage through their hills, and to afford them no shelter when retreating before the British troops. The neighbouring tribes may be assured that no harm will be done to them as long as they hold aloof, and that the chastisement of the Jowakis is a measure of a purely local and domestic character.

By order of the Governor-General in Council,
C. U. AITCHISON,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.
Foreign Department, Simla, 5th Nov. 1877.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 10.

(Before the Honourable SIR CHARLES SARGENT.)

LONG CAUSES.

298-77—Jefferson and P—Jessejee Herringjee and others vs Canejee Bhanjee and others—Mr Skipsey.
566-75—Chalk and W—P Mahomed Khan, &c. vs Rajooma and others—Crawford and B and Khunderao M.
587-77—Jefferson and P—G Lockhart and another vs Thakersey Daveraj and another.
557-77—Rimington, Bore and L—Dongа Heera and others vs Panalall Poonumchund and others—Tyabjee and S, and Jefferson and Payne.
614-77—In person—Joseph Georsettee vs T C Glover and others—Jefferson and Payne.
438-77—Macfarlane and G—Sadoojee Vitoojee P vs Dhunjee Mowjee and others—Jefferson and Payne.

(Before the Honourable MR JUSTICE BAYLEY.)

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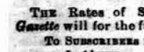

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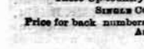

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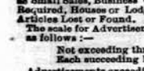

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, 9TH DEC. 1877.

THERE has been a shade more doing in Cotton this week, but mainly for future delivery, so that the present volume of business is not materially increased, and everything else remains dull to a degree. Supplies of Seeds and Wheat are extremely limited, nor are home advices of a character to induce an active trade even if produce were more plentiful. In Imports great depression still characterises our markets, and it is evident that we are yet a long way off material improvement. Excessive stocks and a limited demand seems to have become the normal condition of our Piece Goods Trade, and as no amount of loss has any apparent effect in dimishing shipments from the other side, we can only come to the conclusion that, unprofitable as our market is, others are in equally bad case. Until, therefore, a general improvement in trade takes place, which will divert supplies to other ports, or a reduction is observable in the rate of production in England, we must expect a continuance of something like the present state of depression. Little assistance, at all events, can be looked for from an increased demand on this side. We may see a little more doing as the season advances, but the effects of the famine must continue to be felt for some time yet, and we question whether the consumption of Goods will show much elasticity until next season's crops are pretty well assured. Money remains unusually plentiful; Government Paper is advancing; Joint Stock Shares are quiet; Sterling Exchange slightly firmer; Freights steadier at 25s. per ton by steamer for Liverpool.

The London Market for Silver has not undergone any practical change this week. The latest quotation through the public telegrams is 54¼d. to 54⅜d. per oz. but private messages quote 54d. no buyers, and the German Government are reported to have reduced their selling limit from 54⅜d. to 54¼d. The probability is that we shall see no movement of any importance now until the market is tested by the first allotments of Council Drafts on the 12th instant. In the meantime, the shipments to this side are again small, last week's P. & O. steamer from Southampton only bringing £40,000 for this port.

MONEY.—The last published statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending the 1st instant showed a further large gain in strength. Notwithstanding an increase of 20 lacs in the amount out in loans, the Cash Balance was augmented during the week by 34 lacs, the Government account being higher by 14¼ lacs, other Deposits by 30¾ lacs, and Bills Discounted less by 8 lacs. The Cash Balance thus stood at the unusually high figure of 210 lacs or equal to about 81 per cent. of the liabilities, and it was confidently expected that a further reduction in the rate of discount would have been made at last Wednesday's Board meeting. No alteration took place, however, and the Bank's advertised charges still stand at 6 per cent. in fixed and 7 per cent. on demand loans, secured by Government Paper. These rates, however, are purely nominal, and it is difficult to understand the object of the directors in maintaining them. They are known to be open to business at considerably less, and in the open market, Money is so plentiful that accommodation is freely offered at 3 per cent. without finding borrowers. The only assignable reason for maintaining such a high level of discount is the near approach of the Export season, but it will be some time yet before this gives any pressure, and the maintenance of a fictitious rate of interest in the interval answers no good purpose. The Bank of Bengal in Calcutta reduced their rates of discount one per cent. all round on the 6th instant, and the general tendency of the market will probably be in favour of increased ease for another month at least.

EXCHANGE.—A somewhat larger business has been done in Sterling Paper this week, but rates have not undergone any important fluctuations. Transactions for this Mail opened on Tuesday morning on the basis of 1s. 8¾d. for demand Bank Bills and 1s. 9 1/16d. for 3 months' sight credits, but owing to firmer advices from Calcutta an advance of 1/16d. took place in Bank Paper during the day, followed on Wednesday for the same reason by a like advance all round. The firmness continued on Thursday, and a further rise of 1/32d. was made in the Banks drawing rates, but on Friday, although rates remained unchanged, the feeling was decidedly weaker. Saturday brought renewed steadiness with, however, no quotable change, and we give closing quotations for ready Bills as follows:—Bank Bills on demand 1s. 8 25/32d.; 6 months' sight 1s. 9 7/32d.; Credits 3 months' sight 1s. 9¼d.; 6 months' 1s. 9¼d.; Documents 3 months sight 1s. 9 3/16d.; 6 months' 1s. 9 7/16d. per rupee. Very few Private Bills are making just now, and the demand for remittance is even more limited, so that the bulk of the business done has been for future delivery. Up to the end of the year, the Banks are both buying and selling at current rates, and up to February at 1/16d. per rupee higher. Further forward they are willing to sell at ¼d. over to-day's quotation, but there are few if any, buyers on the same level, the disposition evidently being to expect a higher range of rates after February. To some extent the expectation is justified, as in March and April we shall probably see the most active portion of our season, but it must not be forgotten that we begin with an unusually large supply of funds, and that we shall have Drafts to compete with Silver again from this week onwards. To begin with £200,000 per week may not have a very serious effect, but after the end of the year the amount will probably be increased to £265,000, and from 1st April, the commencement of the new financial year, it is quite possible that we may see the figure raised to £325,000 per week. With this in view it is impossible to count on a re-establishment of anything like a permanently high level of Exchange until the surplus supply of Silver is exhausted in Europe, and when that may be seems almost as uncertain now as when the Silver scare first set in.

On Calcutta there has been very little done this week, and rates have remained unaltered at 3/16 per cent. premium and ¼ per cent. for 60 days' sight.

On China the quotation is quite nominal at Rs. 218 per 100 dollars for 60 days' sight Mercantile Bills.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.—During the early part of the week the market remained quiet and unaltered, but under the influence of easy Money, and more especially a rapid rise reported by wire from Calcutta, a strong demand has set in latterly, and prices have advanced fully ¾ per cent. all round, with more buyers than sellers at that. We quote:—Fours Rs. 94¾ to Rs. 95; Fours-and-a-half Rs. 99½ to ¾; Fives-and-a-half Rs. 102¾ to ¼.

SHARES.—The extent of business doing this week has not been large, and there is very little speculative feeling about, but a fairly steady feeling prevails, and on the average values are not lower. *Bank* Shares are unaltered in every respect. Agras are steady at Rs. 125. Nationals at Rs. 106, and Bank of Bombays at 59½ per cent. premium. In *Land* Companies we quote an advance of Rs. 45 in Colabas and Rs. 7½ in Port Cannings, some large sales of the latter having been made at our advanced quotation of Rs. 240 per share. Freres and Mazagons are unaltered. *Press* property is not in favor, and values are somewhat irregular. A rise of Rs. 65 is quoted in Apollo, and Rs. 30 in Bassoon, Rs. 30 in East India, Rs. 25 in Scinde and Punjaub, Rs. 20 in Scinde Press and Rs. 7½ in Mofussil. *Spinning and Weaving* Companies, as a rule, are in rather better request, the demand for local goods of late having shown a decided improvement. The working margin of the Mills at present is not large, but prospects for the future are much more encouraging, as an ample supply of suitable Cotton will be obtainable. A decline of Rs. 30 is quoted in Colabas, Rs. 25 in Alliance, Rs. 20 in Dhurrumsey and Rs. 20 in Soonderdass, but our quotations show an advance of Rs. 40 in Fleming, Rs. 20 in Coorla, Rs. 15 in Manockjee Petit, Rs. 10 in Jeevraz Balloo, Nursey, Sholapore and Khandeish Spinning and Rs. 5 per share in Great Eastern, Hindustan, Madras United and Morarjee Goculdass. Amongst miscellaneous companies the only movement is an advance of Rs. 15 in Bombay, Burmah, Trading Co.'s shares.

OUR PIECE GOODS Market shows very little change since the departure of last Mail, and such as there is, is not favourable. The clearances from first hands are perhaps somewhat larger, the total being estimated at about 1,200 packages, but this increase is mainly due to slightly lower prices having in some instances been accepted by sellers. The business doing from the bazaar, which after all is the chief test of the market, has been slow, the estimated off take being only 1,500 packages, and dealers still hold supplies of almost all descriptions considerably in excess of the demand. The shipments from England during the month of November, as reported by wire, are moderate, if we read anything like an average consumption to meet, but this we can scarcely expect until the effects of the famine have disappeared, and to impart any degree of strength to the market, therefore, it would require not only moderate, but almost a cessation of supplies for the next few months.

In Grey Good the chief business of the week has been in 40 inch Shirtings, for which there has been a moderate enquiry at about former rates. In 45 inch Cloths there has also been some business doing, but wider goods continue difficult of sale and all widths are in large supply. In Printers there has only been a small business done, but prices are fairly supported. Of Jaconets, Madapollams and Mulls con-iderable clearances have been effected at generally easier rates. Dhoties are only in small request. Of Bleached Goods the chief clearances have been in Jaconets, Mulls and Nainsooks, for which sellers have accepted a reduction of a half to one anna per piece. For Dyed and Printed Cloths the enquiry is slow and rates are weak. Turkey Reds become daily more difficult of sale, and prints have declined to a level which shows a heavy loss on first cost. Local made goods have met a better enquiry latterly, and sales have been affected of about 3,000 packages at slightly better prices.

TWIST.—The demand for English Yarns remains dull and inactive, and the small transactions reported show no change in values. Stocks are comparatively moderate, and there is consequently no great pressure to sell which is the only thing that keeps up prices. Local Yarns are steady but not dearer.

METAL.—*Copper.*—The demand has quietened down again this week, and, notwithstanding moderate stocks, our quotations show a decline of as. 4 per cwt. In *Yellow Metal* a similar fall has taken place, but even at the decline sales are difficult. *Iron* is unchanged. Dealers hold large stocks and the demand is not active, but prices remain nominally as last quoted.

COALS.—The large stocks on the bunder still depress prices, but to arrive there is a moderate enquiry at about former rates, and rather more business has been done than for some weeks past. A sale is reported of 400 tons Davison's West Hartley December January shipment via Cape at Rs. 19, a cargo of Carr House West Hartley Dec. shipment by steamer at Rs. 18 and a cargo of Haswell West Hartley per "Ariminta" via Cape a Rs. 17½ per ton. Current quotations to-day are:—

	To arrive.	*On Bunder.*
Davison's West Hartley	Rs. 18½	Rs. 16½ to Rs. 17
Cambois Cowpen	18½	18½
Laird's Welsh Hartley	17½	16
Watson's Hartley	17½	17
Cardiff	17½ to 18	18

COTTON.—The Liverpool advices in the early part of the week showed considerable activity, and prices advanced 3/16d. per lb. in Surats, both on the spot and to arrive, owing doubtless to the reduced stock and short receipts at the American ports. The Manchester Market, however, having failed to respond, the Liverpool telegrams of the past three days, while still reporting considerable firmness, have shown less tendency to higher prices. In sympathy with this our market opened with a comparatively active demand, especially for New Cotton, and at one time quotations gave an advance of Rs. 6 to Rs. 8 per candy, but a quieter feeling has supervened, and rates have receded Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 per candy from the highest point. The transactions of the week sum up about 13,000 bales, consisting of about 6,000 bales Old Cotton, of which about 4,000 bales were for local consumption and 2,000 bales for export, and 7,000 bales New Crop as follows:—

800 bales	New Hingunghaut at	Rs. 216	to Rs.	220	per candy f.p.
2,500 "	" Omra Good	" 205	"	210	" "
1,500 "	" " F. G. F.	" 203	"	208	" "
1,000 "	" " G. F.	" 200	"	203	" "
1,200 "	" Broach	" 215	"	218	" "

The *Receipts* from up-country for the week ending on Saturday have been about 9,800 bales against 8,700 for the corresponding week last year, and the respective totals since 1st September, 56,375 against 102,325 bales.

The *Clearances for Sea* since last Mail left have been 1,568 bales, making a total of 836,650 bales since 1st January against 1,003,294 bales for the corresponding period last year.

New Crop.—The reports from the districts have been by no means satisfactory this week, and point on the whole to a smaller yield than was a short time ago deemed probable. In the Omrawuttee districts several showers have fallen, which, although they will not reduce the quantity of the crop will probably affect the quality, and we may look for the bulk of the arrivals during the next month of six weeks at least, showing a large proportion of black leaf. From Broach the general estimates do not put the yield at more than three-fourths of an average. Hot weather during the day and the absence of dew by night has tended to bring the plant to maturity too rapidly, and the result, so far as the first picking is concerned, will be a light wasty staple. From Dhollera there is nothing to alter our previous estimates of the growth which cannot, under the most favourable circumstances, prove more, if as much as, 75 per cent. of a full crop. Comptas and Dharwar is still well spoken of.

Fair arrivals are now beginning to come in of Omrawuttee and Hingunghaut, and of Broach some small sample parcels have come to hand, but no large quantity of the latter is likely to come in this month.

The following are to-day's quotations for Cotton with the equivalents in Sterling Cost and Freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission:—

		₹ Candy	₹ lb. C. & F.
Old, Full-pressed—			
" Omrawuttee	Fully Good Fair	Ready.... Rs. 203	= 57/16d.
" Do.	Good Fair	do. .... " 200	= 56/16d.
" Do.	Fully Fair	do. .... " 194	= 53/16d.
" Do.	Fair	do. .... " 189	= 51/16d.
" Dhollera	Fully Good Fair	do. .... " 203	= 54d.
" Do.	Good Fair	do. .... " 200	= 55/16d.
" Do.	Fully Fair	do. .... " 194	= 53/16d.
" Do.	Fair	do. .... " 189	= 51/16d.
New, Full-pressed—			
" Broach Ginned Good		Dec. Delivery .... Rs. 219	= 5 13/16d.
" Do.	do.	Feb. do. .... " 217	= 54d.
" Hingunghaut	do.	Dec. do. .... " 220	= 54d.
" Do.	do.	Jan. do. .... " 218	= 5 13/16d.
" Akoto	do.	Dec. do. .... " 210	= 54d.
" Do.	do.	Feb. do. .... " 209	= 54d.
" Omrawuttee	do.	Dec. do. .... " 210	= 54d.
" Do.	do.	Feb. do. .... " 208	= 54d.
" Do.	F. G. F. "	do. .... " 205	= 59/16d.
" Do.	G. F. "	do. .... " 203	= 54d.

The following is the visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 7th instant compared with the corresponding date on the two previous years:—

	1877.	1876.	1875.
Total supply of all kinds.	1,830,000	2,500,410	2,346,420
" Surats...	151,000	366,070	572,300
For the U. K. only the figures are:—			
Stock in Liverpool	312,000	463,430	484,240
Do. London	17,000	38,230	55,140
American Afloat	220,000	320,000	296,000
E. Indian "	20,000	65,000	110,000
	569,000	886,660	945,380
Price of Mid. Orleans ...	6¾d.	6¾d.	7 3-16d.
" Fair Dhollera ...	5 7-16d.	5¼d.	4 11-16d.
Difference.....	1 5-16d.	1¾d.	2¼d.

The American Crop figures to date are as follows:—

	1877.	1876.	1875.
Week's Receipt.	178,000	187,000	172,000
" Exports to U. K....	59,000	107,000	50,000
" " to Continent.	40,000	46,000	42,000
Total Receipts since 1st Sept.	1,682,000	2,031,000	1,762,000
" Exports to U. K.	442,000	595,000	521,300
" " to Continent "	314,000	309,000	360,900
" Stock at the Ports.	730,000	929,000	656,000

SEEDS.—*Linseed* on the spot is in steady request at slightly higher rates, all parcels of good quality being picked up as they arrive at Rs. 6-10 to Rs. 6-11 per cwt. For April-May delivery there are no buyers, although sellers have reduced their demands to Rs. 6-2 per cwt. *Rapeseed* is still in very light supply, and only a small business is doing at Rs. 7-13 to Rs. 7-14 per cwt. In *Gingelly* there is a fair amount of buying, both for local consumption and export, and prices are quite Re. 1 per candy higher, Mixed being now quoted at Rs. 43 to Rs. 43½ per candy.

WHEAT is firm, and any parcels of good quality are bought up at comparatively high prices. Supplies, however, are too small to admit of a large export business. We quote Mixed Rs. 36 to Rs. 38, Best White Rs. 40 to Rs. 41 per candy.

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 4th December compared with that for 27th November:—

LIABILITIES.	27th November. Rs.	A.	P.	4th December. Rs.	A.	P.
Capital	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund	18,99,305	0	0	18,99,205	0	0
Treasury Balance	1,56,52,503	1	9	1,49,96,482	1	0
Other Deposits	2,25,64,804	7	2	2,65,88,962	4	9
Bank Post Bills, &c.	2,71,429	1	5	2,59,014	3	3
Sundries	11,98,296	0	7	12,14,831	3	11
Rs.	6,15,88,336	11	6	6,49,58,495	6	3

ASSETS.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Government Securities	1,07,19,982	13	1	1,05,80,806	9	1
Loans on Govt. Securities	45,46,497	1	8	49,82,937	1	8
Credits on ditto	41,80,298	15	1	45,75,104	10	2
Bills Discounted	1,6 .,02,048	2	9	1,68,56,176	15	5
Balances with other Banks	8,14,822	0	2	10,05,482	8	10
Bullion	3,11 630	12	7	2,92,895	13	8
Dead Stock	10,00,550	6	0	9,99,438	7	10
Stamps	10 451	3	2	11,762	1	9
Sundries	2,03,321	8	6	2,04,408	7	11
Cash at Head Office	99,69,250	2	8	3,91,08,972	11	9
Do. at Branches	1,35,76,813	9	10	2,58,40,522	10	6
	6,15,88,336	11	6	6,49,58,495	6	3

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE,
AND LISTS OF PASSENGERS BY SEA.

THE *s. s.* LOMBARDY, 1,132 tons, Captain J. Anderson, sailed on Saturday last for Dunkirk, with a general cargo.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's *s. s.* MEDINA, 533 tons, Captain C. Russell, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Calcutta, in ballast.

THE HIAT ESPERANCE, 41 tons, Nacoda, will sail to-day for Mozambique, with a general cargo and fifteen deck passengers.

THE *s. s.* CORUN, 162 tons, Captain G. J. Baker, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Cutch, with a general cargo and one hundred and eighty-five deck passengers.

THE *s.s.* PEARL, 366 tons, Captain J. C. DeCosta, arrived in harbour on Saturday last from Coast and Cutch, with a general cargo, and one hundred and ten deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s *s. s.* EUPHRATES, 499 tons, Captain J. Shiell, sailed on Saturday last for Persian Gulf via Kurrachee, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Captain and Mrs. Thorburn, Mr. and Mrs. D. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Maine, Lieut. Walters, Mr. R. Dwight, twenty-five rank and file, two women, and seven children, and two hundred and ten deck passengers.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From
8	Pearl (s)	DeCosta	utch, Dec 5.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
8	Childwall Hall (s)	Lregarthen	Liverpool.
	Hermon	Dillon	Rangoon.
	Ebbsna	Lever	Akyab.
	Flying Cloud	Williams	Nagapatam.
	Lombard (s)	Anderson	punkirk.
	Oorun (s)	Baker	Coast and Cutch.
	Canara (s)	Sharp	Calcutta.
	Medina (s)	Russell	Calcutta.
	Euphrates (s)	Shiell	P gulf via Kurrachee.

The following vessels were entered out for loading on Saturday last:—

Steamer Pearl, to Coast and Cutch.
Ship Allumgheir, to Coast and Calcutta.
The Hiat Esperance, Nacoda, to Mozambique, obtained her port clearance on Saturday last.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.		
5	Annie (s)	T Watterman..Tuticorin 28th Nov.
	Ravenhill (s)	Bellington ...Madras 30th Nov.
	Gipsy (s)	J Bermir .....Colombo 25th Oct.
	Inchgreen (s)	A Cook .....Melbourne 26th Sept.
	St Anne (s)	Toppin .....Champion Bay 26th Oct.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 5.—Steamers Calcutta, Suez, Roma, Chyebassa, Burmese, and a Steamer (numbers undistinguisable) Ship Sophia Joakim.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.			
4	Golden Grove (s)	J S Martin	Colombo 28th Nov.
	Meinam (s)	equerre	Galle 28th Nov.
	Bayard	H Heard	Liverpool 21st July.
	Benmore	McLellan	Liverpool 16th Aug.

DEPARTURES.

Dec.			
4	City of Mecca (s)	.....	.....
	Udston	.....	.....

PASSENGERS.

Per P and O S Malwa—To Madras: S C Cooper, Mr J D Watson Capt McN ill, Mr R C Robson, Mr Cassiday, and Mr J F Grill, Mr A Mosmer, Mr H Arbuthnot, Mr Oakshott and Mr P G Nugent, Mr L M Morin.

Per M steamer—Mr and Mrs Griffiths, Mr and Miss Woo ford, Mr Gouldsbergh, Mr and Mrs Macdonald, Mr Convella, Mr Williamson, Mr Anderson, Mr Gowan, Mr Boyle, Mr Grant, Mr Bryce, Mr C Mayes, Mr Murdoch, Mr and Mrs Fox, Mr Arrow, Mr Wilson, Mr and Mrs Smallwood, Mr Brandela, Mr Verdun, Mr De Seran, Prince De Montenovo Mr John Cadwader, Mr Windsor, Mr Muller, Mr Hoffmann, Mr Laurent, Mrs Ollendorff Mrs Pursbourff, Mrs Schooker, Mr Bayet, Mr Payne Mr Minns.

VESSELS SPOKEN.

By Meinam—Euridice at at Shandheads detained for orders.
By Fayaz—10th September, Barque Burton Vale from Cardiff to Aejue in Lat 24-36 S, Long 34-17 W 14th September, Ship Otago in Lat 40-29 S, Long 27-25 W steering N Genoese Barque (J N M J) steering South East 16th September, Ship Sir Charles Napier from Cardiff to Japan in Lat 32-28 S, Long 9231 W steering South East October 19th Peep of Day, from Algoa Bay to Chittagong in Lat 37-76 S, Long 76-72 E miles South of Sandheads American Ship Wingal Hunter from Bombay 8 days out, all well.

DAILY IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 8.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Branksome Hall s—75 boxes tinned plates, Hugh D Fisher and Co.
Vortigern s—201 bundles hoop iron, Abdoolhoosein Heptoola and Co.
Italia s—10 cases slates, Sawyer and Co.

FROM LONDON.

Scotland s—2 cases writing papers and 15 bales printing papers, Abdoolrehim and Co; 4 bales printing papers, G N Amirbhoy; 16 cases 2m sheets, Abdoolly Shurrafally; 17 cases glassware, Harri Aba; 50 casks disinfecting powder, Jamsetjee E uljee; 25 cases matches, Allana Abdoolrehman; 10 cases matches, Tyebally Boolthally; 20 bales straw boards, Heptoola Sulk Adom and Co; 38 drums varnish, Abdoolhoosein Hept ola and Co.
Mallowdale s—10) cases ma chen, W Leart Brothers.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Australia s—100 cases brandy, Dinshaw Pestonjee Batha and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 8.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Olympia s—656 cwts wet dates, Lilladhur Khepal; 883 cwt, wheat, Sallaymahomed Goolamhoosein; 80 bales cottons J Chushby and Co.
F W Harris s—3,199½ cwts wheat, Stearns, Hobart and Co; 800 cwts wheat, Allanahboy Sazan; 3 bales hides and skins, Hajee Sulleman Esas; 353½ cwts coir yarn, Tricamdass Lowjee; 85 bales wool, Dewjee Govindjee; 500 bales cotton, Parsoo Dewsee.
City of Baltimore s—250 bales cotton, Pe-l, Cassels and Co; 198 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 200 bales cotton, W Nicol and Co; 2,400 cwts wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Travancore s—2 boxes gold bar, the French Bank; 2 boxes gold bars value of Rs. 1,65,000, Moraljee Mooljee.

FOR GLASGOW.

Olympia s—889 cwts wet dates, Lilladhur Khepal: 20 tons old iron, W and A Graham and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Travancore s—3 cases shawls, W Nicol and Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Travancore s—2 cases tamarind, M S Neemjee.

FOR HONGKONG.

Mirzapore s—12 cases brushes and 1 box Narrie Nanjee; 300 baskets onions, Hasum Balum; 100 baskets onions, Hajee Moosa Hasum; 7 cases kismiss, Sallaybhoy Jafferbhoy; 5 cases kismiss, Sallaybhoy Nemoojee and Co; 50 packages raisins, Goolamhoosein Jonmahamed; 17½ cwts E teeth, J P Khalackdina; 10 bundles silk, Goolamhoosein Joomahamed; 103 bal s twist, Ebram Noordin and Co; 3 bales twist, Noormahamed Hajee Abdoolrehman; 7 bales twist, and 10 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 24 chests opium, Hajee Abdoola Nowrojee and Co; 18 chests opium, Hajee Essac Silias; 25 chests opium, E D cassoon; 48½ chests opium, Hajee Adam E-mail and Co; 12 bales twist, and 15 chests opium, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 75 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Mirzapore s—17 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 188 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.
BOMBAY, 7th December 1877.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m. 2 p.m., 4 p.m and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·892
Temperature of the Air	79·9
Wet Bulb Thermometer	73·8
Dew Point	71·3
Relative humidity of Air	0·765
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded—6).	7·4
Maximum temperature of the day at 2 p.m.	84·5
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a.m.)	76·0
General Direction of wind	E, NNE, ESE, ENE, E, NNW, N, NNE, NE.
Movement of wind in 24 hours	169.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 6.

Thorburn, Capt. Bombay 83rd Regt, to appear before a medical board, from Hyderabad.
Banbury, Major, Madras 2-16th Foot, on leave, from Secunderabad.
Gannsen, Lieut, Madras 43rd Light Cavalry, on leave, from Bellary.

DECEMBER 7.

Nelson, Bombay R A, to appear before a medical board, from Deesa.
Bannyman, Surg Major, Bombay A M D, on leave, from Kirkee.
Harger, Major, Bengal 2-15th Regt, on leave, from Fyzabad.

DECEMBER 8.

Dayrell, Major, Bengal Staff Corps, on leave, from Rajpootana.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 6.

Adams, Lieut, Bombay 66th Foot, on medical certificate, to Poona.

DECEMBER 3.

Gunsen, Lieut, Madras 42nd Light Infantry, on leave, to England.
Bancharl, Major, Bengal Invalid Est, on sick leave, to England.
Harger, Major, Bengal 1-25th Rest, on leave, to England.
Williams, Col, Madras 14th Regt N I, on furlough, to Madras.
Blanshard, Capt, Bombay 15th Regt N I, on furlough, to England.
Miller, Surg, Madras A M D, on duty, to Madras.
Leslie, Sub-Lieut, Bombay 2nd Grenadiers, on duty, to Belgaum.
Richards, Surg, Bombay A M D, on duty, to Deesa.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
Adjutant General's Office, Head-Quarters,
Poona, 8th December 1877.

The C-in-C is pleased to make the following appointments.

8th Regt N I—Capt F W Leeke, Staff Corps, to be Wing Officer, Sub-Lieut G D Giles, officiating Wing Officer 8th Regt N I, to officiate as Wing Officer, on probation.

19th Regt N I—Colonel W Creagh, second in command, to be Commandant; Lieut-Colonel J A Gaver, Wing Commander to be second in command; and Major W Leech, Wing Commander 22nd Regt N I, to be Wing Commander, in succession to Colonel Price, who vacates on succeeding to Colonels allowances.

22nd Regt N I—Lieut-Colonel H S Anderson, Staff Corps, to officiate as second in command, vice Lieut-Colonel Blackeney, proceeding on furlough, and Captain and Brevet Major D R F Woodridge, Staff Corps, to be Wing Commander, vice Major, Jacob.

With reference to G G O No 777, the undermentioned medical officers are posted as general duty medical officers to the circles stated opposite their respective names:—Surgeon J B Emerson, Presidency Surgeon; J P Hunt, M D; Poona, Surgeon A W Carleton, M B, Presidency.

The undermentioned officer returned to duty by permission of the Secretary of State for India:—Surgeon Major A M Rogers, in medical charge, 6th N I.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examination in the following languages, viz., Arabic—Sub-Conductor P Gallagher, Commissariat Department. Hindustani Lower Standard—Lieut J R Sandwith, 15th Foot; Private A G Morton, 15th Foot; Sub-Lieut L A Gordon, 59th Foot, attached 1st Lancers.

The following orders are confirmed—Sholapre Station Order, dated 24th Nov, appointing Major J R Street, 3rd N L I, Staff Officer, 6th N I.

2nd Foot—Regimental Order, dated 3rd Dec, appointing Lieut-Cust, Asst Instructor of Musketry, Dinapore.

19th N I—Regimental Order, dated 3rd Nov, appointing Sub-Lieut F C Stayner to officiate as Quarter Master from the 1st Dec, vice Captain Blanshard, proceeding on furlough.

26th N I—Regimental Order, dated 3rd Dec, appointing Lieut J F C Thatcher, officiating Wing Officer, to officiate as Quarter Master, in addition to his own duties, vice Captain Forjett, officiating as Adjutant.

The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—Captain W F Nelson, R A, to Bombay, for 30 days, to appear before a Medical Board.

Captain J T Bury, R A, Aide-de-Camp to Major General Primrose, C S I, to Bombay for 30 days, to appear before a Medical Board.

83rd Foot—Captain C J Thorburn, to Bombay, for 30 days, to appear before a Medical Board.

83rd Foot—Captain C O James, to England, per troopship, to appear before a Medical Board.

Captain J M Meath, Adjutant 26th N I, to remain at Mahableshwar, from 12th Dec 1877 to 11th January 1878, in extension on medical certificate.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(Calcutta Gazette, December 5.)

Lieut-J F Rivett-Carnac is re-appointed to act as an Assistant Commissioner of the 4th Class, and is posted to the Palamow Division, of the Lohardugga district.

Mr E G Glazier, Magistrate and Collector, Second Grade, is appointed to be Magistrate and Collector of Dinagepore.

Mr A W Cosserat, Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Sonthal Fergunnahs, is posted to Pakour.

Mr C G M Shircore, Officiating Deputy Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Pakour, is posted to Jamtarah, in the Sonthal Fergunnahs.

Mr H G Sharp, Officiating Joint-Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Durbhunga, is allowed leave for three months.

Mr J G Charles, Joint-Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Second Grade, is posted to Bhagulpore.

Mr Oscar Theodore Barrow is appointed to be an Assistant Magistrate and Collector in the Burdwan Division, and is posted to the district of Midnapore.

Mr J S Armstrong, Joint-Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Midnapore, is appointed to act as Deputy Collector of Customs, Calcutta.

Mr G E Manisty is appointed to an Assistant Magistrate and Collector in Midnapore.

Mr F A Dawson, Officiating District Superintendent of Police, Monzufferore, is appointed to be Assistant Superintendent of Police of that district.

Mr H Munro, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Durbhunga, is allowed leave for three months.

Mr C E Gouldsbury, Assistant Superintendent of Police, is posted to Rajshahye.

Major R M Skinner, District Superintendent of Police, is posted to Monzufferpore.

Mr A Ewbank, Principal, Dacca College, is allowed furlough for one year and nine months.

Mr J Van S Pope, M A, Professor, Presidency College, is appointed to officiate as Principal, Dacca College.

Mr W T Webb, M A, Officiating Inspector of Schools, Eastern Circle, is appointed to be a Professor in the Presidency College.

Dr W Robson, Professor, Presidency College, is appointed to be Inspector of Schools, Eastern Circle.

Mr G A Stack, Professor, Dacca College, is appointed to officiate as Inspector of Schools, Eastern Circle.

Mr J H Gilliland, B A, Professor, Presidency College, is appointed to be Professor in the Dacca College.

Mr E L Archibald, B A, Professor, Dacca College, is appointed to be Professor in the Patna College.

Mr J Wilson, M A, is re-appointed to be a Professor in the Patna College.

Mr C Fouracres, Executive Engineer, is posted temporarily to the Northern Drainage and Embankment Division of the S-W Circle.

CALENDAR FOR DEC. 1877.

PHASES OF THE MOON.

First Quarter	13th, 2h. 25·5m. A.M.
Full Moon	20th, 4h. 49·6m. P.M.
Last Quarter	27th, 17h. 10 9m. A.M.

Date.	Remarks.	Sun rises. A.M.	Sun sets. P.M.	High Water.	Low Water
Dec.		H. M.	H. M.	H. M.	H. M.
Mon. 10	.....	6 25	5 21	{ 2 40 m 5 32 a	{ 8 56 m 0 32 a
Tues. 11	.....	6 25	5 22	{ 3 21 a 9 14 a	{ 9 41 m 1 3 a
Wed. 12	....	6 26	5 22	{ 3 54 m 4 15 a	{ 10 28 m 10 2 a
Th. 13	English mail expected.	6 26	5 23	{ 4 34 m 5 21 a	{ 11 16 m 11 9 a
Fr. 14	.....	6 27	5 23	{ 5 20 m 6 38 a	{ 0 12 a .....
Sat. 15	.....	6 27	5 24	{ 6 19 m 7 52 a	{ 0 23 m 1 6 a
Sun. 16	.....	6 28	5 24	{ 7 26 m 8 59 a	{ 1 43 m 2 5 a

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SPECIAL TELEGRAMS FOR THE BOMBAY GAZETTE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

COLLISION BETWEEN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE NIZAM ON THE ANAGOONDY SUCCESSION.

BELLARY, Dec. 9.

In November 1872, the Madras Government recognised Nursimha Davarayloo, of Bellary, the rightful heir of Anagoondy to the Maharajaship and ordered payment to him of the Government allowance drawn by his predecessor. This recognition was confirmed by the Government of India. A portion of the Anagoondy estates are situated in the Nizam's territory, adjoining Sir Salar Jung's private jahageer at Copaldroog. The Government of India, through the Resident, had asked the Nizam's Government to admit Nursimha's claim, but after five years' recognition had postponed it with promises of speedy settlement. This month Sir Salar Jung positively refuses to confirm the Government of India's nomination, and has forcibly seized Nursimha's seals, keys, and official papers, and has ordered his immediate departure from the Nizam's territory. The Nizam's Government has nominated a distant relation of the family of the Maharaja, and has ordered the collection of the revenue from the Anagoondy estate by the Nizam's officers.

SUSPECTED FRAUDS IN ADMINISTRATION OF FAMINE FUNDS.

From the end of August 113 lacs of rupees were spent in famine operations in the Bellary district alone, up to date, but only 25 lacs have been actually accounted for.

The Accountant General for Madras recommends the appointment of a Special Commission to enquire into the auditing of the expenditure. H. E. the Governor has sanctioned the proposal and asked him to recommend officers. Extensive frauds are coming to light daily. Two famine officers have been suspended.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(*By Red Sea Cable.*)

THE WAR IN BULGARIA.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Latest advices from the seat of war in Bulgaria state that the Russians have resumed their attack on the Turkish left wing at Kamarli, situated to the South of Stattitza, and that the bombardment of that place is going on.

The Russian, force which was driven from Elena on its capture by Suleiman Pasha, having been reinforced, was concentrated at Racowitza (within a few miles of Tirnova and to the North-East of that city), where the Turks made an attack, but were compelled to fall back followed by several battalions of Russians, who captured Slataritza, and thus turned the Turkish righ wing.

THE RUSSIAN PRESS ON PEACE CONDITIONS.

The Russian Press, in discussing the conditions upon which peace should be concluded with Turkey, propose that the independence of the Turkish Principalities should be guaranteed, that Batoum and Kars should be ceded to Russia, and that the passage of the Dardanelles should be free.

THE HEALTH OF THE POPE.

ROME, 7th Dec.

Latest bulletins respecting the health of the Pope state that the condition of His Holiness is slightly better.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 7.

M. Dufaure has relinquished his mission of forming a new cabinet in consequence of Marshal Macmahon claiming the right to appoint the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Marine and the Colonies, and the Minister for War.

M. Batbie has now been summoned by the Marshal President to form a new Ministry.

THE WAR IN BULGARIA.

THE RUSSIAN LOSSES.

LONDON, Dec 9.

The total Russian losses up to the 17th November amount to 74,858 men.

Mehemed Pasha has appointed Baker Pasha Commander of a Division of the Army under his (Mehemed's) command.

According to unofficial Turkish account Plevna is amply provisioned for the siege, and a fresh attack made by the Russians on the Turkish positions there has been repulsed.

A Russian official despatch states that the Turks have unsuccessfully attacked the Russian positions in the Etropol Balkans. The Russians are threatening the Turkish retreat along the Sofia road.

OBITUARY.—The Hon. Vernon H. Schalch, C.S.I., C.S., late member of the Board of Revenue, &c., Calcutta.

CRISIS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Dec. 9.

The leaders of the Republican party disavow the negotiations between M. Dufaure and Marshal MacMahon. A serious crisis exists.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

SUEZ, Dec. 7.

The Indian Transport Crocodile, homeward bound from Bombay, passed the Canal to-day.

SUEZ, Dec. 9.

The B. I. S. N. Company's Steamer Java, homeward bound from Bombay, left here to-day.

ADEN, Dec. 9.

The B. I. S. N. Company's Steamer Merkara, homeward bound from Calcutta, &c., left to-day.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, Dec 7, Aft.

Total Week's Sales of Cotton	79,000	Bales.
Do. Week's Imports of Cotton ...	30,000	do.
Do. Stock of Cotton.....	312,000	do.
Do. do. Surats	50,000	do.
Do. do do Surats	14,000	do.
Do. Amount forwarded	8,000	do.
Do. do. Surats ..	1,000	do.

LONDON, Dec. 7, Aft.

The Liverpool Cotton Market to-day closed firm	
Fair Dholleras	5 7/16d.
Bar Silver.....	54½ to ½d.
3 per cent. Consols for account.....	95⅜
5 per cent. French Rentes	107
Exchange on India, 60 days' sight ..	1-15¼d.
4 per cent. Government Securities ..	81½
4½ per cent. do, ..	81½
5½ per cent. do, ..	89

The Bank of France returns show the following :

Total Coin in the Bank of France ..	£83,600,000
" Notes in Circulation	297,500,000

The Manchester Market has been dull.

7 lbs. Shirtings.....	6
8½ lbs. do.	7-3
40s Mule Twist.....	10½

Otto has left for Bombay *via* Suez Canal.

STEAMER REPORTS.

MADRAS, Dec. 8, 5 P.M.

Steamer leaves Sowiabaya for Darwin on the afternoon of 17th.

THE FRONTIER WAR.

A TELEGRAM from the Field Force at Bori, sent through Peshawur and dated 5 p.m. Friday last, states that the centre and main villages of Bori had been occupied, and that at the moment of telegraphing the work of destroying the towers and the house of the principal head man was progressing. The force was to return in the evening, as they had done on Thursday, to the Shergasha pass.

Another telegram from the Camp in front of Bagh, sent through Gumbut, dated 6 p.m. of Friday, reports Jarabi completely destroyed. The troops returned to camp without a casualty; the enemy lost several killed. Particulars not yet known.

Three prisoners—Mian Din, a principal Malik of Paia, armed with an Enfield rifle and sword, and his son Sadar with matchlock and sword, and Darar, cousin of Malik Gul Shah, with matchlock and sword—were surrounded and captured with their arms.

A telegram from the Frontier to-day states that slight rain was threatening. It is said that great depression is felt among the Jowakis at the severity and persistency of our coercion. Jowaki prisoners state that the head of the tribe had applied to the Akhund of Swat for help, but that he had cursed them as kafirs who robbed and murdered Mussalmans.

WHEN people are disposed to quarrel, occasions of difference always arise; and we are not therefore surprised to hear that a fresh dispute has broken out between the British Government and Sir Salar Jung. The cause is fully described in the special telegram we publish this morning; and, if Sir Salar Jung's conduct is accurately described, the matter may have a serious result.

Native Opinion, the organ of the Mahratta Brahmins, says that Hindoos keenly watch the progress of the war in Turkey, because "the honour as well as the interests of England are concerned in the affair." They think England has broken faith with Turkey, and are sorry she has thus played into the hands of Russia. They sympathize with the Turks because the latter are an Oriental race, and it flatters the pride of the natives of India to think that Orientals can hold their own against Europeans for so many months.

GENERAL STRACHEY was among the passengers by the mail steamer Mongolia, which arrived here yesterday.

WE understand that the assent of the Secretary of State has been received to the introduction of a Bill by the Indian Legislature to define and limit the powers of settlement officers in respect of the enhancement of rent.

THE Government of India proposes to open a new line of Railway from Indore, which will pass via Bhopal through Balsa and join with the Great Indian Peninsular Railway. It is believed that the junction will take place somewhere between Hoshungabad and Hurda. The Engineer-in-Chief of the Holkar and Neemuch State Railway, has received orders to estimate the probable cost of the line, and to explore the country through which it is proposed to pass the line.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Kurrachee paper hears "that Government contemplate having a survey made for a railway line between Hyderabad and Deesa, and that several engineer officers are already at Hyderabad making preparations to go on with the work Now that affairs on the frontier are unsettled, and in the event of a war at any future time in that direction, the advantages of the projected railway to join the B. B. and C. I. to the Indus Vaily line are obvious. It will besides be of great public utility in other respects."

THE *Madras Mail* learns that the India Office is favourable to the proposal which has been made in several quarters, and supported by the home press, that Parliament should be moved to advise the Queen to appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into the Madras famine of 1877.

THE Directors of the Bombay Co-operative Society, in their report for the half year ending June 30, 1877, announce a loss of Rs. 28,000. They anticipate a slight further loss, and "are consequently unable at present to offer the least hope of amelioration." They speak of the late secretary, Mr. Storrar, as zealous and industrious, but not sufficiently experienced in a business of the nature of a cooperative store. From the balance sheet it appears that the company's whole property is now valued at about Rs. 43,000, being a little more than half the capital, and that the Company's debts amount to Rs. 23,835. The net result appears to be that three-fourths of the shareholders' capital of Rs. 81,000 has been lost.

THE Rev. Malcolm Ross, the Senior Chaplain of the Church of Scotland on the Bombay establishment, has been allowed to retire from the service on pension. The Rev. D. Macpherson, Senior Chaplain, now attains promotion to the grade of "the" Senior Chaplain—a curious official way of designating the Seniors on the Scotch Establishment.

ON the nomination of the Chief Justice, the Governor-General in Council has appointed Mr. W. J. Cartoys, of Messrs. Grindlay and Co., to be the next Sheriff of Calcutta.

IT is stated by a Russian paper, on the authority of the Turkestan *Gazette*, that the new Emir of Kashgar Beg Kuli Beg has informed the Military Governor of Semiratschensk, that having been successful over his enemies, it is now his intention to turn his arms against the Chinese, who are in occupation of the eastern districts of his country. Yakub Khan, who had temporarily usurped the succession on the death of Yacoob Beg, has been obliged to seek refuge in Russian territory.

MAJOR C. S. THOMASON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, N. W. P., has been deputed to Madras, to report upon the vexed question of the Harbour Works. The hitherto accepted theory, that however skilled an engineer may be in all the ordinary walks of his profession, his competence to deal with a special branch of it must be the result of special training, is evidently exploded. We trust that Major Thomason, upon whom has been placed the responsibility of proving it so in the present instance, may be successful.

A CIRCUMSTANCE has arisen in connection with the loss of the Winchester off False Point in June last, which deserves some attention. It appears that in consequence of the great want of regularity on the part of the Court of Inquiry which sat at Calcutta subsequently to the loss of the vessel, and upon further consideration of the proceedings of the Court, the Board of Trade have been obliged, not without some reluctance, to issue a renewed certificate to the master, Mr. Arnold, in place of the one lost in the vessel. This has given rise to a request from the Secretary of State that steps may be taken to ensure, as far as possible, in the future greater regularity in Courts of Inquiry in British India, so that such a failure of justice as that which has taken place in the above case may not again be repeated.

A CANALWALLA writes to the *Englishman* on the subject of the dangers in the track of the Overland route; he says,

The time having arrived when the question of the speed at which the mails are to be carried between England and India, under the terms of the next contract, is being widely discussed, I venture to beg a small space in your valuable paper to call attention to the dangers of the route over which the mail steamers constantly travel, and to point out the means by which those dangers may be somewhat lessened. The Bombay Chamber of Commerce speaks of 15 knots between Brindisi and Alexanderia, and 13 between Suez and Bombay, as a thing to be accomplished without the smallest difficulty. I will simply remark that this speed can only be kept up by despatch vessels at an expenditure of from 60 to 70 tons of coals per diem. Leaving the question of speed, however, to more competent judges, I will proceed to the subject of the dangers alluded to. We will start from Suez, taking the more prominent headlands and islands en route, all of which are without lights.

1st. We come to the "Brothers," two dangerous rocks lying in the fair way, 250 miles from Suez; owing to their colour, that often blends with the sky, especially on a hazy night, it is not long since that a large steamer ran right on to them.

2nd. The Aboo Eyle channel, off Jibbel Zoozer.

3rd. The outlying reefs off Mocha.

4th. The Fisherman's Rock in the small Straits of Perim.

5th. Cape Guardafui (where numerous vessels have been wrecked).

6th The Island of Mimcoy, where the Colombo was wrecked.

7th. Point de Galle, and lastly False point, the light at which place has been a disgrace for years past.

All the above points, with the exception of Point de Galle, are without lights, and yet we hear nothing said about there being providing for the safety of valuable lives and property before commencing to run vessel at a high rate of speed, which all professional seamen well know means enhanced danger. The melancholy fact appears to be this, that vessel has to be totally lost, and valuable lives with her, before the question of proper lights is taken into consideration. If a mere cargo ship, the loss is probably passed over in the ordinary way; but in the case of a mail passenger steamer, and when the lives of many have been sacrificed, the matter takes quite a different form, ending most probably in the ruin of the commander, if not branding him as a felon for life. I think I need say no more than this to point out that it is really necessary, before talking of a high rate of speed, to first prepare the route. A few non-professional persons will doubtlessly remark that many hundreds of vessels have gone to and fro on the route in question in perfect safety. Granted, but let me add where is a great deal of difference between a vessel ticking for dark, and waiting for daylight to make certain points, and another running "against time." At any rate, under existing circumstances, I should prefer the "slow and sure" to the "fast and uncertain."

THE *Bombay Cathotic Examiner*—The following correspondence brings to light a grave fact, upon which there is sure to be a diversity of opinion, even as to the advisability of publishing it. Indeed, we may say at once, that it was in our hands for publication last week, and that we hesitated how we had better dispose of it. But during the past few days having met with a similar correspondence addressed to another paper, we judge it advisable to let the public have the perusal of both the one and the other correspondence together, as in this way there will be less chance of the facts being lost sight of:—

Bombay, 26th November.—Being delayed at a Railway station between here and Allahabad, I witnessed a troop train enter the Station. The men were allowed to get out for refreshments, and my attention was drawn to the clanking of chains. A further look and I perceived the three or four of the men were in chains, which were fastened round the waist, down the legs, and around the ancle. The chains seemed to me very heavy, and I noticed that the men limped and looked in pain. On asking, I was informed that the men were military convicts, who had already completed 3 years imprisonment in India and were now going home to complete their sentence in England. "They must be very violent to be ironed like this?" said I to my informant. "Oh no, Sir, they are just the reverse: very quiet; only you see, Sir, it is the order; these chains will never be taken off till they get to Mattahr." "What," I said, "surely they wont sleep in them?" "Indeed, and they will; no man can take them off but the Doctor." Under the impression that the, must have committed some very serious crime I asked what did they do? "Oh, nothing sir," was the reply "Nonsense, soldiers don't get imprisonment for nothing." "Well, sir, very little. That chap there struck a Lance Corporal and that big fellow cheeked the Orderly Sergeant." Grave crimes these no doubt in Military law, but not sufficient, in my opinion, to cause men to be dragged from one end of India to another in irons, to be stared at by all India. One would expect to see a murderer or a dacoit to be so taken along; but surely a hand-cuff would be sufficient for an offender, who if in civil life would be fined Rs. 5. Such treatment cannot add to the respect of the European in Native eyes, for the mild Hindoo must imagine these "Chain Gangs" to be composed of desperate ruffians. I can only hope that on the next wrangle over the Mutiny Bill that some Member of Parliament may take the matter up.

THE annual report on the opium revenue in the Bombay Presidency for 1876-77 shows a considerable increase of revenue realized during the year, amounting to Rs. 40,05,259, in comparison with the previous year's returns, and of Rs. 30,63,652 in comparison with the average of the last five years. The increase is said to be due to fluctuations in the trade.

THE brilliant meteor which has already been reported, was visible at Indore, where it illuminated the whole place and dazzled by the brilliancy of its light. Every one was taken by surprise by the suddenness of its appearance and its luminousness.

WE understand that with a view to an investigation of the new alkaloid, quinamine (discovered by Hesse a few years ago in the Himalayan bark, and which has never been met with in South American barks), the Secretary of State, on the motion of Mr. Clements R. Markham, has requested that about 20 lbs. of the febrifuge as prepared at Darjeeling may be sent home. Very little seems to be yet known with regard to the action of this alkaloid, and it is thought very important that its action on the human system should be carefully studied.

WE are informed that steps are about to be taken to obtain a quantity of good tobacco seed from America for cultivation in the North-Western Provinces. The seed is expected to reach India in time for next year's sowings.

WE understand that on the recommendation of the Government of India the Secretary of State has sanctioned the appointment, as a temporary measure only, of an additional Conservator of Forests in British Burmah for one year. It is believed that some addition to the present strength of the Forest Department in Burmah may before long become advisable.

WE are informed that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the deputation of Captain Wace (who has had considerable experience in such matters) for the work of introducing the revised settlement into the Jhelam District of the Punjab. The additional expense involved in the arrangement is nominal, while the anticipated enhancement of revenue will amount to Rs. 1,00,000.

THE Lucknow paper says that there is a good deal of dengue, and very much small-pox all over the city and native bazars. The police authorities seem remiss in adopting precautions against the spread of the latter disease, inasmuch as any one can walk through Ameenabad or other populous localities, and see children and adults covered with pustules, mingling with the throngs just as heedlessly as if small-pox was the most innocuous ailment in the world.

THE second son of the Prince of Wales, Prince George, is to be regularly trained for the navy, which service it is proposed he shall enter as midshipman immediately on quitting the Britannia.

THE Maharajah Duleep Singh, writing to contradict a report in the *Army and Navy Gazette* that he had offered his military services to Russia, says:—"For the stability of our Sovereign's dominions in India, I would prefer to see the backbone broken of the Mahomedan Power, but not by Russia, as in my humble opinion, should there ever arise any trouble in that country it will be caused by our fellow-Mussulman subjects or the border tribes professing that faith. After my residence in this country for the last twenty-three years, and the unbounded kindness of our gracious Queen and the Royal Family to me, I cannot but love England with all my heart—perhaps even more than some born Englishmen who have been agitating the minds of her people of late, but luckily without effect, for the common sense of the English, as usual, has prevailed."

THE *Pioneer*—The proceedings at the opening of the Famine Orphanage in Sullivan's Gardens, Madras, cannot be regarded by cool-headed spectators without heavy misgiving. Nothing can be more graceful than the feeling which impels English ladies in India to make little converts of Indian children thrown upon their hands, and the State cannot forbid them to do so, though the experiment as a rule does not seem to answer. Native Christains are not generally supposed to be good specimens of their race; while up here in the North-West, for instance, the Native Christian community that Sir William Muir took so much pains to foster, is a more or less indirect burden on the State, in a way which a close examination of the case would hardly justify. The subject is full of delicacy, which the religious propagandist is too excited to understand. The local paper may be responsible for the unpleasant tone of the report we quote; but there can be no escape from the fact, that the many distinguished ladies and officers of Government enumerated, have been celebrating the opening of the new orphanage at Madras as chiefly important in so far as it snatches certain Indian children from the "heathen" bringing-up they would otherwise have had among their own people. The Rev. Dr. Strachan says that the lady who first conceived the thought of the orphanage, asked what would become of certain children whose mothers were dying in a hospital at Vepery. She was told they would be handed over to rich natives or others who might wish to adopt them. "Then the thought struck her—Might not these little ones be cared for by Christians as well as heathens?" We trust the lady's thought really had a wholesome origin in an impulse of simple human sympathy; but what is to be said of Dr. Strachan's final sentence:—"We declare distinctly and unequivocally that *our object* is to bring these little stray lambs to the feet of the Good Shepherd," &c. Most readers will surely declare as distinctly, —whatever allowance must be made, on professional grounds, for Dr. Strachan,—that high officers of the British Government in India ought to have been ashamed to countenance such a statement by their presence. That it is out of harmony with the fundamental principles on which this country is governed, is to point out its objectionable character in the mildest possible way. The religious education of the famine orphans has long been foreseen as a serious difficulty looming in the future; but it has been given to the unwise zealots of Madras to convert the difficulty into an embarrassment.

A NEW invention for raising water to great heights seems to have been successfully applied by a Mr. McComas in Australia, particulars of which are furnished by a correspondent of the *Pioneer*: "The late Chief Secretary to the New South Wales Government, the Hon. J. G. Francis, has a variable stream running through his grounds, the major part of which is laid out in vineyards; and he desired to have the water raised to a height of two hundred and twenty feet or thereabouts. A new instrument, called a McComas Aquapult, has been devised to perform this work; it is driven by the force of the stream, from which it must utilize sufficient power to compel the water to ascend that height, at the rate of five or six thousand gallons every minute, and yet be safe from damage in case of flood—floods occurring at intervals to no less a rise than thirty feet. If this work be perfectly performed, and the report on it may reach me before the next mail, it may be the means of giving the cheapest method of raising large bodies of water from running rivers by the stream force, that was ever projected, and ought to have a great influence in promoting prosperity throughout the world, in countries especially which require an artificial supply of water for the purposes of vegetation, or indeed for city supply, or generally for the diffusion of the sweetest, most healthful, and vitalizing fluid with which the world is blessed. Indeed, from what I have heard and seen of these water-lifters, and new inventions of Mr. McComas, I believe that for tea and indigo estates, for tobacco, rice, or other irrigation, they would supersede every instrument now in use in India. This being a matter of such importance to zemindars and planters, no less than to contractors and others engaged on Government and public works, where raising water is a matter of vital moment, I have been constrained to confine myself to only one topic in this letter. At present we have had three years' drought, and the usual cold weather rains have failed us in the colony. In the pastural districts, in the far interior, cattle and sheep are dying by the thousand. In some large runs there is scarcely a blade of grass, and public attention is being directed to the inauguration of some system of conserving the water supply."

GENERAL OBROUTCHEFF, coming from the Caucasus, passed lately through Bucharest. It was owing to his enlightened advice that the Russians gained such a brilliant victory over Mukhtar Pasha. General Obroutcheff was at St. Petersburg President of the Scientific Committees, and he has great consideration in military circles. Everything would lead one to suppose that the Emperor has called him back from the Caucasus after such a glorious victory to name him Chief of the Staff of the Army of the Danube in the stead of General Nepokoitschitsky, whose health is greatly impaired, and whose advanced age can no longer support the fatigues incidental to the position he holds.

THE *Times* correspondent at Russian head-quarters in Bulgaria gives the following account of the state of affairs round Plevna in the first week of November:—The Russian Cavalry have cut the communications between Lom Palanka, below Widin, and the interior. As the Infantry have now encircled Osman Pasha's Army, the Cavalry of Gourko are free to scour the whole country between Orchanie and Widin, and they are making good use of their opportunity. The Turks are very busy fortifying the heights extending from Kirshine, north-west to the River Vid, thence along the right bank of that stream to the bridge over the Vid on the Sofia road, where the Russians first commenced extending their left flank towards the Sofia road by moving the brigades of Infantry of the Guard in that direction. There are seven earthworks east of the river and one just on the other side of the stream defending the bridge. Nearly all of them are ready for the guns and garrisons. The Turkish soldiers work away in the coolest way imaginable upon these earthworks with the Russian shells bursting in their midst every two minutes. The Turkish artillery fire on this part of the line is now quite lively, as many as 120 shells falling in one Russian battery in a single day. The salvos of artillery from the Russian batteries are supposed to be doing considerable damage inside the Plevna lines, as the hundreds of shells whistling into the various Turkish fortifications at the same moment prevent the men dodging into safe places, not knowing which way to turn in the confusion of so many missiles hurled upon them from every point of the compass. Scarcely a day passes without the allied lines being drawn tighter at some point, and the space occupied by Osman Pasha's Army is gradually diminishing under this process of virtual strangulation. It is somewhat difficult to reconcile Osman's energy in constructing new fortifications with his supposed purpose of breaking through the hostile lines, and as his provisions are certainly limited, he must surrender or make a dash out soon, since there is no hope of his getting any more supplies through the investing girdle. His losses are estimated at from 200 to 300 men per day from the projectiles of various kinds. The allied lines, on the other hand, are growing stronger every hour, and consequently every day lessens Osman's chances of a successful, or partially successful, sortie, so that his new fortifications would rather indicate a purpose of resisting to the last, and then surrendering his remaining forces. If he has six weeks' provisions, the allies should have their line absolutely impregnable by that time, so that the situation has two phases or possibilities. First, Osman may be short of supplies already and attempt his escape within the next week or ten days; secondly, he may intend surrendering when he has exhausted his provisions and inflicted all the damage he can upon his enemy. The new earthworks would lead to the supposition that the latter course has been decided upon. Had Osman been a great General, he would have extricated himself from his present trap before the toils closed around him. His amount of attack was where the allied forces were moving by their flanks, and before they had taken their positions and covered themselves by fortifications. If he had any reasonable hope of being rescued by an outside force, his policy in allowing himself to be shut up might be understood, but it is difficult to see here on the spot where any such force is to come from, or, if it existed, how it could get near enough to Plevna, to act in conjunction with the garrison.

THE BOMBAY VOLUNTEERS.

THE Bombay Volunteer Rifles are getting on swimmingly. There was another battalion parade on Saturday afternoon, when each of the six companies showed up well, and Colonel Sexton, the Commandant, who superintended the movements, told the men after they had been dismissed that the marching was better than he had seen at any previous occasion. The "double" was tried for the first time on Saturday, and for a first attempt was very well done indeed.

The volunteers appear inclined to go in for rifle practice with, if possible, even more zeal than they have shown in learning their preliminary drills. They have at present to use the military butts at Colaba, and three days a week—Tuesday and Saturday mornings and Thursday evening—have been named on which the ranges are open to volunteers. On Saturday morning there were more than 200 at the butts, and many were sent away disappointed because they were unable to get a shot. It seems a mistake to throw the butts open to volunteers generally, and no doubt the plan proposed originally will have to be adopted, of sending them down in companies, a company being appointed for each day when the ranges are available. In this way, the men, though they may not be able to shoot so often, will get better practice than when such large numbers attend at once as was the case on Saturday. When they get their own butts, more numerous opportunities of practice may be afforded them. Some very fair shooting has been done already. Saturday two volunteers scored 33 out of a possible 40 at 100 and 200 yards, and there were several 32s, 31s, and 30s. Some twenty-five members of one company, who shot together, averaged 22 points per man.

THE FAMINE DISTRICTS IN THE BOMBAY PRESIDENCY.

STATEMENT No. LV., regarding the scarcity in the Deccan and Southern Mahratta Country, for the week ending 8th December 1877.

Districts.	Collectors' Discretionary Grant.			Expenditure incurred under the authority of Government Resolution No. 3512 C. W.—1116, of 28th Dec. 1876, on account of children under 7 years of age whose parents are upon Relief Works	
	Average daily number of persons relieved during the week	Expenditure during the week.	Total expenditure up to date.	Average daily number of children and of women taking Task Work	Expenditure during the week.	Total expenditure up to date.
	No.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	Rs.
Khandesh ...	(None.)	None.	2,385	124	13	4,858
Nasik	21	22	2,708	99	17	23,284
Ahmednagar..	1,613	683	48,367	532	50	40,788
Poona	1,358	663	9,239	1,371	154	64,354
Sholapur	7,178	6,100	1,91,89*	1,153	161	45 618
Satara	4,234	*171	1,00,163	69	6	45,592
Kaladgi.....	*3,986	*2,810	4,68,523	237	28	86,171
Belgaum.....	694	439	1,55,073	465	74	75,438
Dharwar	852	703	72,944	283	35	36 522
Kanara	9	7	6,517	(None)	None.	1,549
Ratnagiri	(None)	None.	429	71	8	572
Total...	15,941	11,547	1080554	4,407	542	37461

* Returns incomplete.

Tables A. and B. are brought up to the week ending 4th ultimo. The number of persons on works under Public Works Department Agency in the nine affected districts was at this date 11,886, and on works under Civil Agency 1,090. The percentage of persons upon works under Civil Agency has thus fallen during the week from 12-8 to 8-4 per cent, of the whole number employed. The total expenditure upon works in the nine affected districts has amounted to Rs. 103,55,140, which, with the expenditure of Rs. 1 39,213 upon works in Ratnagiri and Kanara, and Rs. 10,80,554 from Collectors' Discretionary Allowances, gives a total of Rs. 115,74,907.

The table showing the condition of the affected Native States is appended as usual. The reduction of the number of persons on relief works in Kolhapur continues, but is still high considering the prices that prevail and the not unfavourable state of the season.

During the week ending 1st December, 539 tons of food-grains were exported from Bombay to the Southern Maratha Ports, and 1,118 tons were carried by the Great India Peninsula Railway to stations upon the Poona-Sholapur and Bhusawal Nasik lines, making a total of 1,657 tons for the week. This is more by 467 tons than the importations of the previous week. The table below shows the quantities of grain sent by rail from October 1876 till the 1st December 1877 to the Southern Maratha Ports and the Railway Stations in the distressed districts. It will be seen that the total amount delivered up to the 1st December was 434,000 tons:—

Food-grains sent to	In Oct., Nov., and Dec. 1876	In Jan., Feb. and Mar. 1877.	In April, May and June 1877.	In July and Aug. 1877.	In Sept. 1877.	In Oct. 1877.	In Nov. 1877.	TOTAL.
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Southern Mahratta Ports	44,215	46,332	54,547	16,061	3,319	525	1,138	166,137
South-Eastern line, from Poona, to Sholapur,	67,195	41,708	45,798	41,990	16,256	8,720	1,867	223,534
North-Eastern line, from Bhusawal to Nasik	12,829	7,471	5,581	9,567	2,519	4,637	1,725	44,329
Total...	124239	95,511	105926	67,618	22,094	13,882	4,730	434,000

There have been decreases during the week of 2,148 in the number of labourers on relief works, 2,073 in that of young children, and 482 in that of people on gratuitous relief.

With a view of ascertaining how far the numbers of the rural population may have been affected by the famine, which has now happily terminated, orders have been issued for a census to be taken on the night of the 19th January 1878 in selected Talukas in different parts of the affected districts, the result of which will be duly published hereafter.

C. J. MERRIMAN, Colonel, R.E.,
Acting Secretary to Government.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. AND O. Co.'s s.s. TRAVANCORE, Captain W. Barrett, will sail to-day for Aden and Suez, with the English Mails and the following passengers:—

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Mrs Gray — Capt T Black
Mrs Boaulerk — Lieut G R Bromley, R N.

For Brindisi—Col and Mrs Jones.
For Venice—Major and Mrs T Dayrell.

SUMMARY OF THE WEEK'S NEWS.

THE Queen, with Princess Beatrice and the members of the Household, attended Divine Service at Balmoral Castle on Sunday, when the Rev. Dr. Scott, of Greenside, officiated.

The Prince of Wales left Sandringham on Monday to visit Lord and Lady Walsingham at Merton.

The Princes of Wales and the young Princesses are expected to leave Abergeldie in a few days, the illness of Miss Knollys having taken a favourable turn.

A Cabinet Council was held on Saturday, at which all the Ministers were present.

Nearly all the members of the Cabinet were present at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in Guildhall on Friday last, but neither the Russian, German, nor Italian Ambassadors were among the company. Lord Beaconsfield in his speech referred to the Eastern war eulogizing the bravery of the Turks and, without expressing a hope of an early peace, said he did not despair of it. With the pledge of the Czar that he did not aim an aggrandisement, and the promise of the Sultan that reforms should be carried out in his territories, there ought, the Premier thought, to be grounds for the settlement of the question.

Mr. Gladstone returned from his Irish tour on Monday. Replying to an address at Holyhead, he alluded to the war in the East, reiterating his condemnation of Ottoman rule, and declaring that England alone had prevented a settlement of the question before war broke out. He added a hope that this county would not allow itself to be dragged into the quarrel on the wrong side by any illusion about British interests.

In a speech at Winchester, Lord Northbrook stated his opinion that the recent advance of Russian power in Central Asia was not a danger to British interests in India, and that in some respects it should be welcomed by us as tending to the civilization of the barbarous tribes of Asia.

The Marquis of Hartington has been elected Lord Rector of Edinburgh University for the ensuing year, 932 students voting in his favour, and 684 for Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary.

The winter meetings of the Royal Geographical Society commenced on Monday, when the President, Sir Henry Rawlinson, delivered the opening address, chiefly referring to the results of recent explorations in Africa.

Admiral Sir Adolphus Slade, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Turkish Navy, died on Tuesday, aged 74.

Dr. Rowley, rector of Willey and Barrow, died suddenly on Sunday last in the pulpit of Willey Church. The deceased was 81 years of age.

A violent storm of thunder and lightning, with heavy rain and hail, burst over London early on Saturday morning. Much damage was done by flooding, and a fierce gale raged over the British Islands, doing much damage on land and causing many disasters at sea.

A man named O'Sullivan, known as a prominent member of the Fenian Association, was arrested in Cork for sending threatening letters to two brother-members who had refused to join in promoting a riot upon the occasion of the Duke of Connaught's visit to that city.

The decision of the Court-Martial upon the mutineers of the 11th Hussars at the Curragh has been promulgated. Two men have been sentenced to five years', two to six years', one to seven, and one to eight years' penal servitude.

Both the Money and Stock Markets have remained very quiet. There has been a slightly greater demand for money owing to the Stock Exchange settlement, but the open market rate is still fully 1½ per cent. below the Bank of England minimum. English railway stocks have shown rather a weaker tendency, and nearly all cases the fall in prices is insignificant, and the only weak foreign stock is Russian, which has fallen on the issue of the new loan.

OBITUARY OF THE WEEK.—Lieut.-Col. E. L. Usher, Mad. Ret.; Admiral Sir A. Slade, K.C.B.; Sir T. Brag J. P. of Boisat; Capt. C. P. Lucas, R.N. Ret.; Lady Mary Stanley; the Hon. J. R. Scott, M.L.C., Tasmania; E. M. Bell, of Simrieg Estate, Bengal; T. W. Wyld-Browne, J. P. and D. L. for Shropshire.

No event of decisive importance in connexion with the war has occurred during the past week. The Russian Generals have been persistently engaged in completing the investment of Plevna, General Gourko having fortified several points commanding the Sofia road, with a view to prevent relief reaching the beleaguered town. Osman Pasha, however, has expelled as many as possible of the inhabitants, and even of those of his wounded, with a view to economise the food resources, which are, it appears, greater than had been supposed. Mehemet Ali, at Orchanie, is organizing a force to co-operate with an expected attempt on the part of the Turkish Commander at Plevna to cut through the investing forces. Upon the Lom the army of the Cesarewitch has remained inactive, but Suleiman Pasha has made several reconnaissances which, according to his reports, have resulted in success, and there is every reason to believe that the strength of the Cesarewitch's army has been reduced by the despatch to the army before Plevna. In the Shipka Pass the mutual bombardment has been renewed, but without any definite result. It is stated that a Russian force is being organized at Tirnova with a view to operations south of the Balkans during the winter. From Asia we learn that Mukhtar Pasha repulsed a first attempt of the Russians upon Erzeroum, but later news is to the effect that the town has been called upon to surrender. The Turkish General has taken up a position at Baiburt, about 60 miles from Erz-roum on the Trebizonde road. The siege of Kars is maintained, but as the town is stated to be well supplied there is no apprehension at Constantinople of its fall.

The participation of Servia in the war is now considered to be more imminent than had been previously supposed A large additional subsidy has arrived at Belgrade and the continued movement of troops towards the frontier would appear to indicate an intention to join in the war, notwithstanding the declaration of the Servian Agent at Constantinople that the military preparations are only designed to guard the frontier from invasion.

The Montenegrins have resumed active operations, and are now besieging Antivari.

The prospectus of a new Russian Loan has been issued at Amsterdam. The nominal amount is 15 millions sterling, and it is to be issued at 75 at 5 per cent. Subscriptions are to be received in Paris, Berlin, and Amsterdam.

The Parliamentary contest in France began in the Chamber of Deputies on Monday. A series of resolutions strongly condemnatory of the present Ministry was proposed. M. Leon Renault and M. Jules Ferry have been the principal assailants of the Ministry, and M. de Fourton and the Duc de Broglie have spoken in reply. The speeches have been bitter and even violent, but there is no appearance of concession towards the Parliamentary majority.

The failure of the negotiations for a commercial Treaty between Germany and Austria has led to a coolness between the two countries, and a war of hostile tariffs is anticipated.

The session of the Belgian Parliament was opened on Tuesday. The Royal Speech gave a favourable account of the material position of the country and of its relations with foreign Powers.

The Republican party in the United States Congress are displaying a disposition to withdraw opposition to the President's Southern policy.

THE WAR.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE MONTENEGRINS.

RAGUSA, Nov. 16.

The Montenegrins have carried by assault all the defences of Antivari except the principal fort, which still holds out, although damaged by the bombardment.

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